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TO-DAYS WAR BRIEFS.

Key West. May 23.--The Oregan arrived here this morning.

Key West, May 23.--The British steamer, Ardanhomr reached this port this morning in charge of an ensign from Oceola. The Ardanmohr attempted to run the blockade, but failed. She was released at noon today having shown her papers to be all right.

Key West, May 23.--Two strange craft were reported off Fort Taylor last night Signals were not answered by the ships and preparations were made togive them a warm reception. The city is wildly excited today.

Washington, May 23.--Commodore Schley, with the flying squadron left Key West Thursday for Santiago, and is now off that port. Sampson's squadron left for the same point Friday and should have reached that place about noon today. Unless Ceveras squadron has slipped away it will be in a serious predicament. Sampson and Schley could bottle him up, but the general belief is here that the American commanders will not be content with so slow a method of warfare. They will probably force the channel as Dewey did at Manila and hunt the enemy in his lair. Word of the defeat of the Spanish fleet has been expected here for twenty-four hours.

Gibraltar, May 23.—The Spaniards are preparing a third squadron, consisting of three armored cruisers and four torpedo boats. It will be sent across the Atlantic as soon as possible to aid Cervera. Admiral Camara's squadron will probably start for the Antilles in a few days.

Washington, May 23---The war department today received official and final details of the embarkation of troops for the Philippines. It is stated that the City of Pekin. City of Sydney, and Castrilla will sail tomorrow with twenty-four hundred men and one hundred and twenty-five officers. Besides troops. The Pekin will carry supplies and ammunition for the navy.

Key West, May 23,--A report reached here today that an American boat had been captured by a Spanish bark off San Juan last Friday.

Washington, May 23--The state department denies that it has received a protest from Italy to the effect that the blockade is not effective and should therefore be abandoned. The report that the Steamship Fleeteda left port at Tampa Wednesday for Cuba with 400 Cubans on board were under command of Gen. Lacret and had been drilled by regular army officers. Tis believed the troops succeeded in landing.

Savanah, Ga., May 23—A train carrying the first regiment North Carolina volunteers collided with a freight this morning. One soldier was killed and another fatally wounded.

Key West, May 23.—Word was received from the blockading squadron today. They reporfed everything quiet on the north coast of Cuba and around Havana.

Washington, May 23.—The returns to the Adjutant General up to this morning shows that 110,000 are now on the rolls, leaving but 15,000 to be mustered under the first call of the President.

San Francisco, Cal., May 24.—The volunteers intended for the Philippines left camp at Presidio this morning and marched to the Pacific Mail Docks to embark on the City of Pekin. All along the route of march the troops were received with intense enthusiasm. They were literally smothered with flowers. As they passed the cathedral Arch Bishop Riordon and a number of priests bade a farewell to the soldier boys in the presence of an immense throng. The regiment is 1,090 strong. The City of Pekin will go out into the stream this afternoon and will probably sail for Manila Wednesday. The Monterey is being rapidly prepared for its trip to Manila and will leave about Thursday.

LOCAL NEWS.

Personals and Happenings of Interest athered for The Democrat's Many Readers.

FRIDAY MAY 20

The subject of Dr. Tyler's discourse at the Christian church tonight will be, "Excuses."

Mrs. Joe Crouch and children left yesterday to visit relatives in Farmersville.

Mrs. A. W. Knighton and children are visiting friends in Farmersville.

I. D. Fowler, formerly of McKinney, is a candidate for the democratic nomination for Justice of the Peace at Farmersville.

Rev. E. E. King returned this morning from a twenty days visit to Norfolk, Va., Chicamauga and other points in the East.

All kinds of disinfectants at Smith Bros

This city and vicinity was visited by an opportune May shower yesterday, which lasted for the space of three hours. This season will insure garden truck in abundance in home gardens.

H. H. Crouch and wife and J. P. Crouch and wife returned yesterday from Norfolk, Va., where they went as delegates to the Southern Baptist convention. They also visited Washington City while away.

To make your harness soft and pliable use pure neats-foot oil; we have it. Smith Bros.

Mr. J. T. Collis, head butcher at Wilson's market, met with a serious accident while at work yesterday evening. He was cutting meat when his hand slipped from the handle of the knife to the blade, almost severing the first and last fingers of his right hand. The wounds were dressed and are doing fairly well, but it will be several weeks before they are entirely healed.

Capt. and Mrs. T. F. Mangum entertained at tea last evening. Among those present were, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Elliott, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Barnes and Mrs. Gillette. A delighted repast was served, and judging from the witty sallies and joyous laughter, which from time to time floated on the evening breeze, a merry time was had.

SATURDAY MAY 21.

Mrs. A. E. Topper, of Bowie, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. W. A. Parker, on College Hill.

Charlie Lake is over from Sulphur Springs today. He will return tomorrow.

Mrs. F. W. Mack has been quite sick for several days, but is much improved at present.

Mrs. W. C. Veluder and little son, of Houston, are guests of Mrs. J. W. Fields.

Mrs. J. L. Crim, and daughter, Mary, of Dallas, are visiting Mrs. J. W. Fields.

G. W. Talbot and wife, of Cash, Miss., are guests of their cousin, Mayor J. M. Pearson in this city.

A fine young lady has recently taken up her abode with Prof. and Mrs. J. B. Dodson.

Miss Alice Thomas has returned from Sherman where she has been visiting friends.

Mrs. G. E. Felton will entertain the Four K. Club tonight. all members are requested to be present.

There will be sesvices at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. and Sunday school at 10 a. m. at St. Peters Episcopal church tomorrow.

Homer Butridge and Harve McDuffie of Sherman are in the city.

The McKinney College will turn out 26 graduates and 3 M. E. L's this year, the largest graduating class McKinney has ever had.

J. H. Ball is making a trip up in the Panhandle section of the state where the seasons have been exceptionally good and the prospect for small grain was never better at this season.

Fort Worth made a special occasion of raising a U. S. flag on the dome of Tarrant county's court house, 150 feet high. Dallas has a large flag floating from the tower of its court house. Greenville is to have a flag raising today that is to reach 40 feet higher than the tower of its court house. How about McKinney floating "Old Glory" to the breeze?

Miss Mamie Dowell came over from Greenville and spent the Sabbath with parents and friends in this city.

Mrs. Dr. Wooten, of Austin, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Newsome.

Prof. C. F. Trotter, of Caddo Mills is making an effort to organize a military company composed of Hunt and Collin county recruits.

Mr. M. E. Purnell returned Saturday from a trip to his old home in Mississippi. He visited Yaiden, Winona, Carrolton and other points.

Mrs. Nate Adams and little daughter, Curtley, of Dallas, are visiting at W. W. McDowell's.

Bob West is in Farmersville today.

R. L. Palmer, of Wylie, was in the city today.

People from all over the county were in the city today.

Richard Allen is numbered among the sick today.

Mrs. J. H. Coffman, of Melissa, is visiting in the city today.

Miss Mona Slaughter, of Anna, is shopping in the city today.

Mrs. Dr. Foote is visiting relatives at Clarksville.

Monroe Harris, of Dallas, visited relatives here yesterday.

Mr. W. W. McDowell made a flying trip to Dallas this morning.

The Boston bloomers, a female base ball team are billed to play at the ball grounds here Thursday June 2nd.

Mrs. G. W. Taylor and babe, of Waxahachie, are guests of her mother, Mrs. M. Wade.

Mr. Jesse Shain is having his handsome residence repainted and otherwise improved.

Miss Clara Edwards, of El Paso, and Miss Josephine Duncan, of Dallas, are visiting Mrs. Fred Emerson.

Messrs. Mitt Hickenbottom, R. Crockett and Jas. Blackwell, all prosperous farmers of Prosper, are in the city today.

MONDAY MAY 23

Mr. C. L. Matthers has returned from an extended business trip throughout the state.

THE WEATHER—Fair tonight and Tuesday.

Mrs. E. Harris left this morning to visit her daughter at Commanche Texas.

Hons. T. F. Vaughn and Jno. R. Smith, of East Collin are here today.

Mesdames J. B. Faulkner, Geo. Amis and Miss Lizzie Scott, of Wylie, are visiting Mrs. T. W. Perkins today.

The candidates for local representative, and county attorney will speak at Lebanon at 8 o'clock tonight and Rock Hill tomorrow night. Other candidates will also "tell their troubles."

Messrs W. H. Hill, D. C. Hill, C. A. Houston, John Hill, and Bill Dowell (col), returned yesterday from a business trip to Chicago.

The McKinney Academy conducted by Prof. R. K. Moseley closed a successful term last Friday afternoon.

Mr. Jake Bryant of Chambersvills is here recruiting his general merchandise stock today, and gives a flattering account of the farming interests in all north Collin.

All the secret organizations of the city are cordially invited to attend the unveiling of the monument of Jno. Aiken, a former sovereign of the Woodmen of the World at Blue Ridge next Sunday.

The entertainment at Bloomdale school, by the Bloomdale dramatic club will be given Wednesday night May 25th. An interesting program has been prepared including a drama in four acts. Everybody is invited to attend.

Mr. John W. Allison and Miss Minnie Ford. two well-known people of McKinney, were married at the home of the bride's parents in Fairfield yesterday evening, Rev. Johnson officiating.

Mr. and Mrs F. C. Thompson left this evening for Dallas. Tomorrow they will join the "press gang" and proceed to Eureka Springs Ark., where the Texas State Press Association holds its annual meeting beginning May 25.

Mrs. Eula McCrosky of Holly Springs Miss., is visiting her sisters, Mesdames W. M. and Ed Abernathy and Mrs. Belle McWilliams in this city. Her little daughters Jane and Kathline, are accompanying her.

J. W. Ragland Dead.

At 6 o'clock Thursday morning Mr. J. W. Ragland, an old citizen of our county, who moved here in the forties died at his home on south Benge street. He was one of the early pioneers of Texas and leaves many relatives in the state to mourn his loss. Burial at Pecan Grove cemetery Friday, the 20th, at 10 a. m.

BOWLBY BUDS.

A Diamond Rattlesnake Killed—Crops in Good Condition.

May 20th, 1898.

We are having plenty of rain and crops are looking well. At present cotton chopping is being rushed.

A. J. Westfall killed a diamond rattlesnake, last week, 5 feet in length and something had broke off part of his tail and its rattles.

Richard Donaldson, of Greenville, was shaking hands in our community one day last week.

The sick ones are Mrs. J. H. Potts, Mrs. Wm. Rutherford and Johnny Westfall.

Charley Washburn of Wesley's Chapel was in our community one day this week on business.

Owen Mathews was snake bitten one day last week but no serious results followed.

Jake Moore of Lone Elm was in our community last Sunday.

It is reported that chintz bugs are damaging the corn in the Wesley Chapel neighborhood.

Lemmie Foster and W. A. Hicks of Rheas Mill community were in our midst last Sunday.

The boy's are having a big time every wet day playing base ball They are getting in pretty good practice. CENTRAL.

McKINNEY POPULISTS

Meet and Select Twenty-one Delegates to The County Convention

Populists of the McKinney voting boxes held a primary convention, Saturday evening, for the purpose of selecting delegates to the county convention at Farmersville Saturday May 28. A. S. Graves was chairman. Besides selecting the twenty-one delegates to the county convention, chairmen for the next two years were elected. A. S. Graves was chosen for north McKinney and E. W. Kirkpatrick for South McKinney.

NORTH BOX DELEGATES.

E C Forbes	W A Holder
M W Younger	A S Graves
W J McMenamy	R G Welch
G O Cate	J Tucker
E P Cox	L Cameron
J H Williamson	A B Cockrell.

SOUTH BOX DELEGATES.

E W Kirkpatrick	W H Slater
Walter B Wilson	John Johnson Sr.
George B Kindell	J H Cabel
O D Winn	R D Allison
Geo E Allen	J C Harden
Abe Enloe.	

Soldiers In A Collision.

Chattanooga Tenn., May 21.—The train bearing the First Regiment of Missouri volunteers collided with a regular passenger train this morning. Private Robbins was instantly killed and about fifteen injured, some probably fatally.

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ORGANIZING A COMPANY.

At Caddo Mills—Prof. C. F. Trotter Recruiting Hunt and Collin Volunteers

A letter from Prof. C. F. Trotter, now of Caddo Mills, states that he is organizing a military company in anticipation of a second call for volunteers by the president. His recruits are being taken from both Hunt and Collin counties. The Professor is well equipped for leading a company to the front. He possesses a military education, plenty of genuine American patriotism and is a born leader.

THE SEWER SYSTEM.

Messrs. Kelley & Steele the sewer contractors, have finished their work of putting the County court house and jail in communication with the outside world by underground mains of the Odorless sewer system.

The closets, wash basins and entire furnishings supplied by the company are of the best make and the system has been virtually accepted by the authorities are perfectly satisfactory.

The mains to the outskirts of the city have been laid with a view to putting in a sewerage system throughout the entire city if artesian water is obtained in sufficient quantities. The well is making very slow progress at present as no work has been done on it for two weeks, but 'tis hoped that plenty of water will soon be struck.

Parties from Sherman and Cleburne will be here during the next few days to inspect the system in view of adopting it in their respective counties.

Decoration Day.

The decoration of the graves at Pecan Grove cemetery was observed Sunday in a quiet, solemn and appropriate manner. It was so different from the observances, sometimes seen, where hilarity and loud exhibitions of worldliness are prevalent. It was a time when loving hands brought beautiful flowers, artistically interwoven with rich evergreens, and softly and tenderly placed them over and about the silent tombs, or grass covered mounds of departed friends and relatives. It was a token that their memories were still cherished, and though absent in body, yet present. To have seen a mother hovering over the grave of her little darling child, and pouring out the tenderest emotions of heart in sweet remembrance of mingled joy, pains and sorrows, during her or his short pilgrimage on earth, was touchingly sad yet comforting. But perhaps even more noticable, because a mother's love is natural, was that of a mature christian gentleman, crouching down as it were in silent prayer, tenderly and solemningly placing each fragrant rose, according to color or hue in its allotted place at the headstone of some dear deceased relative. The sun itself was seemed bathed in a soft milky haziness, which was beautiful to behold during the decoration services.

OLD COTTON PLANTER.

ALMOST A RIOT.

White and Colored Youths Have a Hot Time at Rockwall

Rockwall, Rockwall Co., Tex., May 22.—Yesterday evening at the colored base ball ground in New Caledonia, near the Missouri, Kansas and Texas depot, some of the white boys present got into a difficulty with the negroes and for a while it seemed as if somebody would be mobbed. One negro struck a white boy with his gun and other negroes present with guns stood off some of the white boys who were trying to knife some of those in the crowd fighting. Sheriff Vernon and Constable Wade arrived on the scene just in the nick of time to avert what perhaps would have been a very bloody affair. Bad blood has existed all day between the whites and blacks, and one dealer in ammunition says that he had sold cartridges to more than twenty negroes. This reporter is informed that a notice had been stuck up near the depot warning the negroes toflee from the wrath that will come in the next ten days. At this writing everything is quiet.

TEXANS AT MOBILE.

Mobile, Ala., May 22.—The second Texas volunteers, which were reported deflected from New Orleans to Jefferson barracks, began arriving here at 7 o'clock tonight. The delay in New Orleans was because of the difficulty in making transportation arrangements last night. The second section of their train arrived at 9 o'clock. Col. De Russy took command of the first brigade of the fourth corps today.

The battalion which is to be composed of negroes exclusively will be brought to camp here on Tuesday. The negroes have volunteered far in excess of the call, and the pick of the number will give one of the finest bodies of troops the south will contribute. The battalion will have white officers. Col. Higdon, commanding the first Alabama volunteers, received orders today to report to the fourth army corps in camp near Mobile, with his regiment. He expects to recruit the remainder of his men tomorrow, and will report as ordered.

RELIGIOUS.

Rev. G. C. Rankin, of the First Dallas M. E. church, will preach the annual commencement sermon before the graduating class of the McKinney College at the First Christian church Sunday night May 29. Rev. Rankin is one of the most eminent devines in the South.

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The meeting at the Christian church did not close Sunday night. The sermons of Dr Tyler Sunday were unusually interesting. The one in the morning on "The Seven Words from the Cross" was of great heart power and the large congregation was moved to tears. In the evening his subject was "The Origin and Purposes of the Desciples," in which he made the history and purposes of the church very plain. At the conclusion four persons confessed the Christ, and were baptized at the close of the service at night. The meeting will go on a few days longer.

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Rev. W. A. Chandler, of Oxford, Ga., and Rev. H. C. Morrison, of Nashville, Tenn., are the new bishops of the Methodist Episcopal church, south. Both are men of giant intellects, scholarly attainments and earnest piety.

ORAN M ROBERTS.

A Sketch of His Life in a Short Space

1816—Born in South Carolina.

1832—At work on a farm in Alabama to support a widowed mother.

1833—Enters the University of Alabama.

1836—Graduated.

1837—Granted a license to practice law.

—Married Miss Frances W. Edwards.

1838—Elected to the Alabama legislature.

1841—Emigrated to Texas, settling in San Augustine.

1842—Granted a license to practice law in Texas.

1844—Appointed district attorney by President Houston.

1846—Appointed district judge by Governor Henderson.

1857—Elected to the State supreme court to succeed Judge Lipscomb.

1860—Made speeches in favor of secession to prevent interneeine warfare over an attempt to keep Texas neutral.

1861—President of the secession convention at Austin.

1862—Raised a regiment of infantry (Eleventh Texas) at Houston.

1864—Elected chief justice of the supreme court.

1865—Ousted from the bench.

1866—Delegate to the reconstruction convention at Austin; defeated for the presidency by Throckmorton.

1866—Elected United States senator (but was not permitted to take his seat).

1874—Appointed chief justice of the supreme court by Governor Coke.

1878—Nominated for governor in a locked convention and elected.

1879—Inaugurated as governor.

1880—Re-elected governor.

1881—Wrote "A Description of Texas."

1883—Professor of law in the State university.

1883—Mrs. Roberts died.

1887—Married Mrs. Catherine Border.

1898—May 19, at 9 p. m., passed peacefully away, at the ripe age of 82, full of honors as well as of years.

GOING TO LIBERIA.

One Hundred Colored Families Will Leave Fannin County.

Honey Grove, Tex., May 20.—Dr. L. T. Harris, colored, who has been engaged the past month in getting recruits for colonizing Liberia, reports that so far 150 families, all of Fannin county, have expressed a willingness to join his ranks, but their departure will have to be deferred till something can be realized from present growing crops. The want of means, the doctor says, has hindered his undertaking more than anything else, and he is thinking of making an appeal to the white people for financial aid, not so much for transportation purposes but to enable the emigrants to make a good start in their new homes. He confines his evangelical work to the sober and industrious class of negroes

Pronunciation of Spanish Names.

The following timely explanation of the pronunciation of Spanish names, as published by the Pioneer, is believed to be correct:

Such names as Havana and Madrid, we have long accustomed to in their anglicised sound, and it is not worth while to learn a different pronunciation.

Havána—Hah-wah-nah, accent on second syllable.

Madrid—Mah-dree, accent on second syllable.

Blanco—Blahng-ko, accent on first syllable.

Cabanas—Cah-wah-nas, accent on second syllable.

Sagasta—Sa-gas-ta, as spelled, the "a's" sounded as in cat.

Gomez—Go-meth, accent on first syllable; "o" long.

Ruiz—Roo-eth, equal accents.

Maceo—Mah-the-o, accent on first syllable.

Maria Rodriguez — Mah-ree-a Ro-dree-geth, accent on second syllable in both words: "o" in Ro is long.

Perico Diaz—Per-ee-ko Dee-ath accent on second syllable in Perico; accents equal in second word.

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Moth and rust do not destroy it.

It grows nights Sundays, rainy days and even holidays.

It brings a sure crop every year, and sometimes twice a year.

It produces cash every time.

It does not have to wait for the market to advance.

It is not subject to speculations of the "bulls" and "bears" of the board of trade.

It is a load that galls and frets and chafes.

It is a burden that the farmer cannot shake off.

It is with him morning, noon and night.

It sits with him at the table.

It gets under his pillow when he sleeps.

It rides upon his shoulders during the day.

It consumes his grain crop.

It devours his cattle.

It selects the finest horse and fattest steers.

It lives upon the first fruits of season.

It stalks into the diary where the busy housewife toils day after day and month after month; and takes the nicest cheese and the choicest butter.

It shares the children's bread and robs them of half their clothes.

It is the inexorable and exacting taskmaster.

Its whip is as merciless and cruel as the lash of the slave driver.

It is a menace to liberty, a hindrance to progress, a curse to the nation.—S.P. Norton.

Cooke county played the traitor with Grayson in the primaries last Saturday by defeating both of our candidates, Bliss and Mayfield. This county has always acted fairly with Cooke's candidates and especially we have always given them their turn in the office of state senator, but hereafter we will remember the slap given our candidates by our neighbor.—Sherman Register.

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"	No. 15	12:28 p. m.
"	No 1	7:50 p. m.
South bound	No 2	8:21 a. m.
"	No. 16	3:07 p. m.
"	No 4	6:21 p.m.
"	Cannon Ball	10:05 p m.

EAST LINE.

Passenger leaves.	9:28 a. m.
Local "	2:40 p. m.
Passenger, arrives.	4.55 p.m
Local "	10. 35a. m

STAR ROUTES.

Leaves McKinney at 6 a. m. daily for Lebanon, Rockhill, Foncine, Prosper and Erudia.

Arrives at McKinney at 7 p. m. daily from Lebanon, Rockhill, Foncine, Prosper and Erudia.

Leaves McKinney at 1:30 p. m. daily for Weston, Roland and Chambersville

Arrives at McKinney at 11:30 a. m. daily from Weston, Roland and Chambersville.

Leaves McKinney at 7:30 a. m. daily for Celina, Vineland, Rhea Mill and Roseland.

Arrives at McKinney at 6 p. m. daily from Celina, Vineland, Rhea Mill, and Roseland.

Leaves McKinney at 1 p. m. daily for Blue Ridge, Altoga and Verona.

Arrives at McKinney at 12:30 p. m. daily from Blue Ridge, Altoga and Verona.

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WALTER B. WILSON, Local Editor.

Sampson & Dewey is the name of a Chicago business firm. These famous names are being perpetuated upon the land and the seas.

The state convention of elocutionists will meet in Greenville on June 23rd, 24th and 25th. A large attendance is expected.

A train of twelve cars of wheat passed through Greenville yesterday afternoon enroute from McKinney to Chicago. Wheat is King now, and a Chicago man, Joe Leiter, has a corner on almost the entire crop.—Greenville Banner.

The Onion growers of Collin will meet in McKinney, Saturday June 4. Theirs is fast becoming one of our leading industries.

An English paper dubs our present unpleasantness the Yanko-Spanko war.

Collin's grain crop will be immense if it can be harvested in condition.

Hawaian Annexation seems an assured fact. Before the Spanish war it was desirable, but now it is a necessity.

Two congressmen have gone to the front, Mr. Robbins of Pennsylvania and Mr. Broussard of Louisiana.

The Texas Vounteers made a great hit with the regulars. They are praised above the average state bodies of novice soldiers.

The per cent of rejections for military service for the Spanish war is more than three times as great as in 1861. A startling explanation of this is that 90 per cent of those rejected are habitual cigarette smokers.

W. D. Swindle's friends were shocked at his sudden, tragic death near Farmersville Thursday. He was a worthy citizen and is widely lamented.

A press censorship in a republic can only be used to prevent the enemy from getting information, never to prevent the people from finding out how their affairs are being conducted.

The Dallas city council has purchased four large flags to float over the city hall. In times of war, with a foreign foe especially it does seem like our glorious national emblem should be raised over public buildings by all means.

The "Rough Riders" or cow boy regiment being raised by Theodore Roosevelt and of which he will be lieutenant-colonel, is being assembled at San Antonio. The horses for the mounts of this regiment are to be purchased in Texas and only good, hardy, sound animals will be received.

Now that Crane is out the Farmersville Times is supporting Col. Dick Wynne for governor, though it states last issue, "We can't endorse all his platform." The Times further declares Maj. Sayers "is supported largely by the McKinley democrats(?) whose controlling object seems to be to get possession of the party machinery and turn it, with all its great power, against Bryan and free silver in the great national fight of 1900."

From Key West around the Island of Cuba, the United States has sixty warships, battleships, cruisers, gunboats, monitors, scout boats, dynamite cruisers and tugs. It seems impossible that Admiral Cevera could escape a great naval engagement. But he has proved his strategy as a dodger and may elude the Americans.

Senator J. R. Gough and his opponent are "neck and neck" in their race for the lieutenant governorship. Each has 73 instructed delegates to the state convention. The McKinney man landed the Denton and Hopkins delegations Saturday.

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And get Hood's
And only Hood's.

"The uncertainty now existing in regard to the probable duration of war," says the Washington Post, "should prompt farmers to extend the production of such products as are likely to be in greatest demand for use in the army. Of these the small white navy bean holds a prominent peace." This is practical talk and brings the farmer forward as the country's anchor in war as well as in peace.

Reports from Mobile are to the effect that the regulars regard the Texas troops as the finest lot of volunteers they have seen. Why, of course.

The campaign methods resorted to against Mr. Mayfield for railroad commissioner are to be deplored. In Cooke county last week it is said that money flowed freely, that it was put in the saloons, workers were hired, and in fact a campaign was conducted in behalf of Mr. Giles which was disreputable. The people of the state ought to rebuke such methods in the primaries by giving a big majority to Mr. Mayfield, the man whom the railroads and express companies are trying to beat.—Sherman Register.

The Leonard Graphic lays down his plattform of domestic economy: "The Graphic believes in supporting the home product, whatever it may be. Buy your goods at home, trade with the home merchant, use home manufactured articles in preference to foreign, hold up your home town, your home people, your home candidate and everything that will help to build up your home community and enhance the value of your home." This is a plea for home so simple that many persons do not think it worth while to pay attention to it. It is small things that count.

The DEMOCRAT is in receipt of a handsomely executed announcement of the seventh annual commencement of the McKinney Public Schools. The Baccalaureate sermon will be delivered at the First Christian church Sunday May 29th, at 11, a. m., and the commencement exercises will be at the opera house Tuesday May 31, at 8 p. m. An exceptionally interesting program has been arranged which will be followed by the presentation of diplomas to the twelve graduates of the term now ending who are: Misses Lutie J. Anderson, Nettie Mai Callaway, Sadie S. Dowell, Ella M. Felton, Midge J. Ferguson, Daisy Gertrude Gerrish, Bessye L. Hamilton, Nannie Gertrude Moore, Pearl L. More, Norma I. Page, Allie Ware and Mr. Oliver B. Wolcott.

That the Spanish fleet is bottled up in Santiago harbor, seems to be confirmed by advices this morning. A great naval battle is imminent now at any hour.

State chairman J. S. Bradley will be at the populist county convention at Farmersville Saturday May 28. He is a good talker and deals only in cold facts. Hear him either tomorrow night or convention day as he will speak twice. Collin populist are an intelligent, resolute element, ninety-nine per cent of whom are farmers. Lust for office does not actuate them in their political moves. The greatest good to the greatest number of our whole people prompts them to action and not partisan prejudices, Hence the county convention at Farmersville day after to-morrow may be expected to act harmoniously to best promote the great and grand principles of goverment we espouse.

New Stone Walks.

The contract was let Tues evening for four 5-inch thickness stone walks extending from each side of the public square to the court house entrances opposite.

Kansas stone will be used and is said to be a very superior quality. The county and city will jointly bear the expense which is highly warranted when the public convenience thereby subserved is taken into consideration.

A letter from Jim Thomas states that he, Pres Duncan and Dud Perkins are "messing" together and all sleep on the same blanket. The latter is 2nd sergeant of the company E. Trezevant Rifles, 2nd Texas Infantry.

The professional card of D. W. Leigh reappears in this issue of THE DEMOCRAT. If you desire the accomplishment of a well trained voice you can do no better than to secure the services of this first class teacher of vocal music in all its branches.

Dangerous Spider Bite.

Greenville, Tex., May 24.—Conductor C. C. Morgan of the Missouri, Kansas and Texas is suffering from a spider bite, his neck being swollen to an enormous size.

FROM CAMP MABRY.

A Letter From Ran McDonald With Lyons Infantry At Austin.

Camp Mabry, May 22, '98.

Dear Mother:—Your welcome letter received and found me well and all o. k. The first regiment left for Mobile a few days ago, some of those boys looked a little blue, they don't like it as well as they thought they would.

I guess we will leave sometime this week for the Philippines. They can't go any too soon for me, for that is one place I do want to go. Our regiment is known as the fighting 3rd. We have not received our uniforms yet, though they have taken our measures, and we are expecting them every day. We have our canteens, knapsacks and skillets issued to us. When I get my uniform I will have my photo taken and send to you before we leave America. I am well pleased with military life so far, I have not had a desire to be back at McKinney. Will Morgett and I are cooking now. We have to cook for 81 men; we have to get up at 4 a. m. You bet we had a time this morning; we had everything on the fire, and breakfast nearly ready, when a big rain came and put out our fire, and we had to wait until it stopped raining, and build another with wet wood to finish breakfast. All the boys say we do better cooking than any of them. We are just detailed to cook on Thursdays, but the quartermaster sergeant wants us to cook on. I don't think I will for I don't like the idea of getting up at 4 o'clock You bet I miss my good old bed; we have to sleep on old mother earth; if I live to get through this war I think I will join the U. S. army.

Two of the soldiers have been drowned in the river since we have been here, there has been a few to die. A great many boys are sick, one of our company was near death this morning.

There is no showing for me to get rank, there are too many ahead of me, but I am going to try for it if they give me any show

It is well you sent me the stamps and paper as I could not have answered your letter, I had to borrow the envelope.

Tell all the people I send my best regards. If you should get an excusion ticket to come down wire and find if we are here. If you come do so right away, for I am sure we will leave sometime this week. Address your next to Camp Mabry. If we should leave on short notice our mail will be forwarded, if we leave unexpectedly, I will let you know our destination by wire.

Your son, RAN.

Anxious to Get a Call.

Waxahachie, Ellis Co., Tex., May 25.—The Waxahachie soldier boys are anxious to get a call from President McKinley and will leave here on a few hours' notice.

It is thought that a good many from the adjoining small towns will join the company here.

San Diego, May 25.—(Special to the Courier)—A Lambla last night killed his wife and then suicided. Suspected infidelity is the cause.

Governor Will Not Interfere.

Austin, Tex., May 24.—The governor today refused to interfere in Charles Kugadt's case, who is sentenced to hang at Brenham Thursday for the murder of his half sister.

Burt Hangs Friday.

Austin, Tex., May 24.—Eugene Burt, the wife and child murderer, will hang next Friday. The governor this afternoon refused to interfere and so notified Sheriff White in writing.

Burdette Pictures the Schoolboy Bully.

And the bullies in the school. I guess there will always be bullies in the school. There were some mean ones in the kindergarten. The boy bully was always a coward, of course; a bit of sneak as well, cringing to the big boys and brutal to the little ones. In the presence of the teacher he was half crazed with terror, crying out, "What have I to do with thee?" But the weak pupil, whom he could handle, he mauled without mercy. It was his nature to be brutal. Rather than not have anything to worry he would torture a hog, even though he had to live with the animal to get at him.—Robert J. Burdette in the June Ladies' Home Journal.

From Marcus Johnson.

Camp Copinger, Mobile., May 21, 1898.—We arrived here this morning and went to work and have just finished staking camp.

Everything is different to what it was in Austin and looks more war like. The U. S. Regulars are here, and we are supplied by U. S. wagons drawn by six mules each.

Among the regulars is Tom Webb of McKinney. He says we are the first folks from there that he has seen since he joined the army six months ago.

All the boys are better pleased here than at Austin.

I have composed for you the following lines.

Remember Spain,
She sank the Maine,
But the Spaniards we'll kill
Will sho' pay the bill.

Wetsel Windings.

May 23, '98.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen, of near Vineland, were the guests of Mrs. Joe McMahan Saturday and Sunday.

G. L. Shields, who has been visiting his sick father G. W. Shields and other relatives, will leave for his home in Denison this week.

Charley Lewis of near Hedgcoxe attended the literary at Wetsel Saturday night.

Mrs. Brookton Shields was shopping in town one day last week.

Mrs. Joe McMahan was on the sick list one day last week.

The prayer meeting at Mr. Wolfs was well attended Sunday night.

T. O. Murray of Wetsel attended Sunday school at the Grove Sunday.

Mr. Hillard has been spending a few days at Lebanon.

Mr. and Mrs. Fraze and Mrs. Winkles of Wetsel attended church at the Grove Sunday.

Singing at Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Perkins was very well attended Sunday night.

J. A. McMahan of Wetsel attended Sunday school at Scalf school house Sunday evening.

Cotton and corn are looking fine after the rain.

JIM CROW.

Hundreds of Horses Bought

Sherman, Tex., May 23.—Government inspectors and contractors here today purchased hundreds of horses in the Sherman market for cavalry service.

Trinity Truths.

May 23rd, '98.

Crops are exceedingly fine in our section.

The fine rains, although a little too heavy, did very much toward making sure and yielding crop.

Our school at this place closed Friday of 13inst, with examinations and reviews of the pupils. Several visitors were present among whom were Mr. Orenduff, Mr. Caves, and a number of ladies. The children were treated. We were treated to a speech on the close by Mr. Jesse Orenduff, Sr., who spoke in very commending terms.

Picnics are engaging the attention of our young people.

Sunday school in full way now. Come and join us and be benefited.

LILY.

Underwent the Examination.

Sherman, Tex., May 23.—The first squad of volunteers from the Grayson rifles underwent physical examination today.

LIST OF LETTERS

Remaining unclaimed in the postoffice, at McKinney, Tex May, 26, '98, which, if unclaimed in two weeks, will be sent to Dead Letter Office at Washington, D. C:

LADIES.

Austin, Bessie
Crawford, Rene
Davis, Julia
Felds, Mary Berd
Lowry, M. M.
Orr, Emily
Ray, Mattie
Sishay, Millie
Sonders, Sallie

GENTLEMAN.

Alexander, Thelbert
Bruce, Emanual A.
Frasier, H. V.
Gardiner, Jno.
Hawkins, Dr.
Hamm, T. S.
Million, H. T.
Neely, Chas.
Roach, George
Styles, Thomas
Thompson, Frank
Winkles, J. H.

Persons calling for letters on this list must say "Advertised" or they may fail to get them.

H. E. SMITH,
Postmaster.

FROM U. S. ARMY CAMP

Mobile, Ala., May 22.—(To the Daily Courier)—After arriving here yesterday I wired the Courier that we were in Mobile instead of New Orleans, hence it is useless to so state in this communication. I will only say that when we reached Houston Col. Mabry received orders to move on to this place instead of New Orleans.

We left Camp Mabry at 6 o'clock yesterday morning. En route to this Camp the volunteers were made truly glad that we had entered the army for at every town and city, regardless of the hour and every inconvenience, thousands of patriotic men and women met us at the depots and the demonstrations and extravagant gifts of splendid lunches and bouquets of rare and fragrant flowers were so evident as to bring tears to the firmest man in the regiment and showed more plainly than we had ever imagined the real make-up of the American people. Truly 'tis brotherly love that has given to America the freedom they enjoy, and, however bitterly opposed to this war a man might be, had he been present, with us en route to this camp he would willingly and gladly offer his services to any cause that is for the giving to a wretched, starving people, like our friends in Cuba, the freedom that is ours in Texas and in America. All McKinney boys in company E. are truly glad they are here and are much delighted with the prospects of soon being able to march to the front—to actually appear on the scene of real action. From Austin to the line of Texas we had a night trip, but in every village and town through which we passed there was no sleeping or slumbering. From appearances every man, woman and child was at the depots firing anvils, shouting cheers, and filling our cars with baskets of choice lunches, flowers, Bibles, testaments, flags, and in fact every article necessary to our physical and spiritual comfort. The young ladies were present in full force and hesitated not to shake the rough hand of every soldier they could reach and even threw kisses galore to the lads, who, by their own will were going to protect the flag that they had learned to so dearly love. Yes, our trip here was 36 hours of brilliant events.

At Houston the ladies had organized a reception committee and in each of the 36 coaches they put two large baskets of both substantial and delicate provisions, prepared and presented by their own hands. At Lake Charles, La., we were treated equally as royally and in addition were presented by a white rabbit as a mascot.

We arrived in New Orleans at 12 o'clock Friday night and the crowd that met us was simply innumerable and to a degree they followed Houston's example.

On arriving in Mobile yesterday morning our cars immediately transfered to the Mobile and Ohio railroad and carried out to the camp, four miles west of the city, where there are 5000 regulars camped, and assigned quarters, where we expect to stay for several days.

No one in the army knows any more of when or where we will move next than do the people of McKinney. We only obey orders and are not supposed to know anything except what we read in the papers.

No sooner than we pitched tents here yesterday than Tom Webb, a McKinney boy in the 20th infantry of Ft. Leavenworth, Kan., came up and spent a few hours with us.

Our boys are all in excellent health and spirited to the highest pitch. We are only on duty four hours each day except Saturday and Sunday when we do nothing but appear at roll-call and inspection.

We have no uniforms or equipments yet, but expect them tomorrow (Monday.)

I will wire or write the Courier every day and our boys ask that their friends read the paper and save them the trouble of writing.

C. C. W.

TO-DAY'S WAR BRIEFS.

Washington, May 24.—The belief continues to grow that the Spanish fleet is bottled up in Santiago harbor. No advices to this effect have been received here, but it is the lack of news to the contrary that strengthens the belief that Cervara has been trapped. Fast scout boats were sent to Santiago as soon as it became known that the Spanish had made that port. As they have not yet reported to the department Authorities believe the Spaniards are still in the Harbor. Definite news as to the exact situation at Santiago is expected at any time.

Washington, May 24.—'Tis reported today that the misterious crafts that have been seen off the New Foundland banks are British vessels. The fear that they might be Spanish warships caused alarm along the coast of the New England states. British warships have been on the look out for Spanish vessels that might attempt to get coal from British ports.

Key West, May 24.—This city remains in a state of excitement. Serious news is expected from fleets of Schley and Sampson not yet received, but is expected momentarily. Hospitals and everything else have been put in readiness and all hands are awaiting developments. Great activity prevailed in naval circles last night.

Madrid, May 24.—The Mangrove is reported safe by the captain of the Tecumsa. it was sighted off Cuba yesterday.

Key West, May 24.—A dispatch boat just in reports everything quiet along Cuban coast The flagships location is still at present a secret. The blockade continues and is thoroughly effective.

Washington, May 24.—While no official information of a battle between Sampson's squadron and Cape Verde fleet has been received, high officials are confident that a fight has taken place. After the cabinet meeting today Secretary Alger said he hoped and believed that the report is true. Unofficial dispatches say that Cervera divided his squadron and that two of his cruisers had disasterous encounters with Americans.

More Volunteers Wanted.

Halifax, May 25.—The reported loss of the brig Dejeune Granville from Cape Breton for Miquelon laden with coal is confirmed. It is believed the crew of twenty perished. This is the vessel reported to Senor Polo, a being chartered to convey coal to the Spanish fleet.

Madrid, May 25.—Nothing definite is known of any negotiations with France. The belief that there is a possible alliance with any country is dwindling.

Washington, May 25.—Mrs. Secretary Long and other ladies who are caring for the families of the victims of the Maine disaster, $27,700, has been collected of which sum $10,000, has been distributed.

New York, May 25.—Alencia sailed for Colon today. It is believed that this indicates that the Spanish fleet is tied up under American guns at Santiago and that the Spanish-American line received news to this effect from the government.

Key West, May 25.—Cuban dispatch bearers just in say Gomez hopes for the dissolution of the Spanish volunteers, who are only held together by Blanco's lies. The Cuban army is concentrating.

Washington, May 25.—It is stated that the troops will be disposed of as follows: Cuba, 100,000; Philippines, 25,000; Porto Rico, 25,000; home defense, 50,000.

Madrid, May 25.—Blanco telegraphs that there are only four American gunboats from Havana to Santiago. Official dispatches from Manila say that 30,000 insurgents have offered their services to Augusti.

Hong Kong, May 25.—A dispatch from Manila says that an insurgent attack is expected soon.

Tampa, May 25.—An American, supposed to be from Cincinnati, by the name of Frank Miller was arrested, charged being a Spanish spy. Private Wetzell, of the sixth cavalry, was drowned here while bathing today. This is the first casualty in the camp. Gen. Lee is expected here today.

Key West, May 25.—A Spanish spy on the Panama, supposed to be Lieut. Col. Junines, of the Spanish army, has a hearing this afternoon.

Washington, May 25.—It is semi-officially stated that 20,000 troops will leave shortly for Porto Rico. They will be convoyed by Sampson's fleet, which has been ordered to reduce the fortifications at San Juan.

New York, May 25.—Sir Adolphus Careu, M. P. from Otumwa, Canada, was picked up unconscious at 2 o'clock this morning. He fell on a spike, tearing his cheek, causing serious injury.

Washington, May 25.—It is officially announced that the Oregon arrived off Jupiter Inlet last night all well on board. The department is reticent regarding her future course.

London, May 25.—The Lloyds' have a dispatch from Manila stating that the American bark Saranas captured at Lloilo by Spaniards has been released. Dewey some days ago sent the Petrel to rescue the bark. Lloyds dispatch indicates that its mission was successful.

Madrid May 25.—Robledo and others laid before the chamber a motion today asking the Government to grant funds for the erection of barracks at Algeria and San Rogue. Also a military camp near Gibralter.

Key West May 25.—Since the police force quit three weeks ago the lawless are in clover. John J. Dorsey, a wealthy machinist here wes murdered and robbed last night. Two sailors have been shot one of them fatally, and there is talk of lynching the murderers. There is a probabilty of Martial law being proclaimed. Serious trouble is expected tonight.

Washington, May 25.—The president today issued a proclamation calling for 75,000 volunteers.

Fredericksburg, Va., May 25.—Confederate veterans resolve to participate in the memorial day celebration.

Forward to Headquarters National Volunteer Reserve, Washington Building, New York.

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

National Volunteer Reserve

STATE OF .....
CITY OF (TOWN OF) ..... } ss.:

I ....., born in ....., in the State of ..... aged ..... years; now residing at ..... in the County of ....., and State of ....., with Post-office address below stated, by occupation a ..... do hereby state and declare, that I am of proper age and believe myself to be physically and otherwise qualified to bear arms; that I am not enlisted in the National Guard or Naval Reserve of any State or in the Army or the Navy of the United States, but desire that my services shall be available to the United States in the event of war with any foreign power. I do, therefore, enlist in the "*NATIONAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE.*" and ask that my name be enrolled as a member of said organization, and I do solemnly undertake and agree, in the event of war between the United States and any foreign power, if called upon by the constituted authorities of the State of ..... or of the United States through the lawful channels, to enlist as a soldier *sailor in the National Guard or the Naval Reserve of said State or in the Army or the Navy of the United States for the length of time and upon the terms that may by law be provided, and I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the United States of America and that I will serve them honestly and faithfully against all their enemies whomsoever.

Sworn to before me this .....day ..... 189 }

..... Signature of Volunteer in full.

..... Address in full.

I hereby certify that the above-named man is between the age of 18 and 45, and that he is free from all bodily defects and mental infirmities which would in any way disqualify him from performing military duty.

Veteran of the late war? Yes. / No.

Rank .....

Jurat of Magistrate or Attesting Witnesses:

..... Name.
..... Address in full.
..... Name.
..... Address in full.

*A person desiring to enlist if a sailor or waterman by occupation, or desiring to join the Navy or Naval Reserve may erase the word soldier and National Guard in the body of certificate and he will then be enrolled for the Naval Reserve, and Navy.

NOTE.—Applicants barred from enlisting by age limit, indicate age and name will be enrolled.

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All legal and able-bodied men, young and old are requested to unite in this work of safety to our country. Blanks for enrollment can be obtained by calling on J. M. Pearson, F. C. Thompson or E. W. Kirpatrick.

The presiding officers of all Societies, open or secret, are requested to secure enrollment blanks and act as enrollment officers.

Public meetings should be called everywhere and active measures adopted.

The public press will respond in every way to the success of this work. Patriotic officers can be found who will freely take acknowledgements. Immediate action, in this work, should be taken in every vicinity. We lead all nations in productions, commerce and intelligence, let us take the van in patriotism.

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SPAIN'S PHANTOM FLEET STILL DODGING.

Gomez Pledges His Aid to America.---Naval Battle Still Expected.

Havana, May 19.—Three American warships bombarded the fortifications at Santiago de Cuba yesterday. Only slight damage was done. No details of the engagement have been received here.

New York, May 19.—A special cablegram to the Herald says the war fever in Spain is abating. A distinctive feature of the present crisis is, that there is not a single official believes Spain has any chance of a victory, but it is still premature to talk of peace.

Jacksonville, Fla., May 19.—Fire was discovered on board the cruiser, St. Paul today, which originated in the coal bunkers and seems to have been serious. Quick action alone prevented the spread of the flames to the ammunition. The fire was burning with awful rapidity when discovered and great quantities of water were poured on the flames before they were extinguished.

Washington, May 19.—The reported bombardment of Santiago is thought to have been in accordance with the plan to isolate Blanco by cutting the Santiago cable. It is believed that the boats were grappling for the cable, and that the warships protected them in their work by firing at the fortifications of the town.

Washington, May 19.—A letter from Gomez received by the Junta last night pledges his cooperation with the United States troops despite Spanish stories to the effect that he was trying to ally himself with Spain.

New York, May 19.— A dispatch from Kingston, Jamaica says a number of large steamships, apparently warships, passed the east end of Jamaica yesterday. They were going at a tremendrous speed heading in the direction of Santiago De Cuba. It is thought it might be the Spanish Cape Verde fleet.

Washington, May 19, 2 p m—The navy and states departments used the cables freely yesterday endeavoring to locate Admiral Cerueros fleet. Whether their efforts were successful or not is not known Sampson's whereabouts are unknown except to a small number of officers. The government expects to hear of a naval battle before the end of the week.

Key West, May 19.—The flying squadrou is expected to leave here today, destination unknown.

Key West, —It is expected that the Battleship Oregon will reach Key West Tuesday.

ALL IS EXPECTANCY.

To-day's News Only Prospective--The Big Naval Conflict Still Expected--Merrett Receives Final Orders.

Washington, May 20.—General Otis and the first detachment of troops for the Philippines will probably leave San Francisco Saturday. Otis will act as millitary governor of the islands until Merritt's arrival. Merritt and the remainder of the troops will probably leave by the last of next week.

Washington, May 20.—It is now reported that the president will make no further call for volunteers unless unforseen circumstances make such a step neccesary.

Barcelona, May 20.—Large forces of troops are embarking here for the Philippines.

Washington, May 20.—General Merritt arrived at the war department this morning and saw Alger and Miles and received his final orders. He will leave at once for San Francisco.

Washington, May 20.—The president and Secretary Alger are now said to be firmly convinced that the invasion of Cuba should begin at the earliest possible moment, therefore, preparations for invasion is being hurried to completion.

Lincoln, Neb., May 20.—Wm. J Bryan has enlisted as a private in the third regiment.

Washington, May 20.—It is impossible to learn here the whereabouts of Sampson's fleet despite the fact that it is reported to be at Key West. There is an air of expectancy among all.

San Francisco, May 20.—It is possible that the Charleston will leave for Manila within the next twenty-four hours. Injury to her condenser is not so serious as was at first supposed. Capt. Glass denies that the injury is due to treachery.

Key West, May 20.—A fleet of American dispatch boats have just returned from an investigation tour of Cuba coast and report that Blanco has been doing effectual work on the breastwork at Havana during the past few days.

Madrid, May 20.—General elation has been caused here by the announcement that the Spanish squadron has eluded the American squadron and is now safe at Santiago. The queen has sent her congratulations to Cervera. It is announced here that the fleet will coal at Santiago and then proceed immediately to Havana. Official dispatch from Havana says two American vessels bombarded Gunatanamo yesterday, but were compelled to retire by the Spanish gunboat and infantry ashore.

St. Piere, Martinique, May 20.—The U. S. Cruiser, Harvard, which sailed from this port yesterday is in great danger. The Spanish torpedo boat destroyer Terror is expected to follow her shortly and may attempt to destroy the Harvard.

TODAY'S WAR BRIEFS.

Washington, May 21.—The chief ordnance bureau proposes in the future to equip as many vessels as possible with smokeless powder, which is now being manufactured by thousands of pounds daily, and all ships will have a supply in the near future.

Madrid, May 21.—A telegram from Havana says insurgents have declared in favor of Spain and are now making a common cause against the Americans.

Kingston, Jamaica, May 21.—The steamer Adula sailed this morning for Cienfuegos to bring here any Americans who wish to leave that city.

Havana, May 21.—The American squadron employed in blockading this port has been reinforced by several vessels. The newspapers here have published jubilant articles on the success of Cervera in eluding the American warships and reporting at Santiago.

Washington, May 21.—The opinion that the much desired German support will soon be accorded to Spain is growing stronger here and the belief is strengthend by the report from Manila that the German residents there, influenced by instructions to the German Consulate, are showing a marked sympathy for the Spaniards.

Washington, May 21.—The navy department has decided to grant no more permits to vessels of any nation to pass the blockade and enter Havana harbor.

Madrid, May 21.—General Augusti re-affirms that he will distribute every rifle and cartridge he possesses to defend Manila to the last.

Washington, May 21.—By piecing out the various lots of official and unofficial information of yesterday it seems reasonably certain that Cerveras was at Santiago and probably left there while ships of the American fleet were probably at Key West or scattering from there. Naval officers here are inclined to think the Spaniards will make a demonstration off Charleston, S. C., to draw the American fleet away from Cuban waters. Demonstrations along the New England coast also expected. In the meantime Sampson will have orders to maintain the blockade and be ready to convey soldiers to Cuba and destroy the Spanish fleet if possible. Great secrecy is being observed by the navy department regarding the movements of vessels and 'tis impossible to get accurate information.

Madrid, May 21.—The government is confident that there will be no difficulty in sending a squadron to the Philippines through the Suez canal. Ministers declare that negotiations with the insurgents in the Philippines will be succesful.

Key West, May 21.—Where our ships are at present is not generally known here. It is declared however, that there is no reason to feel anxious about our squadron and they will accomplish what they have set out to do It is, also confidently believed that with reasonable luck Spain will sue for peace within thirty days.

Seattle, May 21.—Fermando Isle, a Spaniard, was arrested here today for attempting to blow up the torpedo boat Rowan. He is violently insane and has been sent to the insane asylum.

Key West, May 21.—The war tug, Leyder, picked up five Cubans in an open boat off Cayo piedras light May eighteenth. One of them has important dispatches from Gomez to Miles.

THE DESTINATION CHANGED.

The First Regiment Texas Volunteers Will Go to Mobile.

Houston, Tex., May 19.—Upon his arrival here on the first section of the train from Austin, Col. Mabry found the following telegraphic orders awaiting him:

"Washington, D. C., May 19, 1898.—To Col. Mabry, first regiment U. S. A. infantry: By direction of the secretary of war the order directing your regiment to proceed to New Orleans is revoked, and you will proceed instead to Mobile, Ala., reporting to commanding officer of the United States troops at that place. Orders for transportation and rations same as already sent you.

H. C. CORBIN, Adjt. Gen."

Immediately Col. Mabry answered the telegram that the orders would be carried out and that the first regiment would reach New Orleans at about 1 o'clock p. m. on the 20th instant.

SECOND REGIMENT ORDERED ALSO.

Austin, Tex., May 19.—A change in the destination of the second regiment of infantry was made tonight, a telegram was received by Col. L. M. Openheimer from the adjutant general's department at Washington instructing that they proceed to Mobile, Ala., instead of New Orleans. The second will leave at 6 o'clock to-morrow morning, instead of 9 a. m., as at first intended. They go via the International and Great Northern and Texas and Pacific. It is the opinion here that the first regiment, which is now on its way toward the front, will receive instructions at Houston to preceed to Mobile instead of New Orleans.

The medical examination of applicants for hospital stewards was concluded this evening and twelve successful applicants were assigned to their respective regiments.

Key West, May 19. 2 p. m.—Scouting vessels have just returned here and report nothing of the Spanish fleet near the west coast of Cuba. It may still be in the Carribean Sea. Naval officers here have little idea where the expected battle will take place, yet they still hold that a fierce engagement may be looked for between Sampson's squadron and the Spanish fleet.

New York May 19.—General Merritt will start tomorrow or Saturday for San Francisco. He does not expect to get away from the Pacific coast before June 1st.

Washington May 19.—The Oregon stopped yesterday at the Barbadoes for dispatches. Capt. Clark notified the Navy department of his arrival and reported the battle ship in good condition. He received orders to proceed as rapidly as possible.

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For Infants and Children.

The Kind You Have Always Bought

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A Small Spot May be Cancer!

"It was merely a mole at first, and for a long time was so insignificant that I gave it no thought whatever."

These words of a recent correspondent contain an accurate description of the first symptoms of the most violent and destructive cancers as they appear in nine cases out of ten. A slight scab, a small sore, a lump in the breast—a mere *spot*, harmless as they appear for a time, have developed into cancers of the most dangerous and obstinate form.

Cancer is becoming so prevalent that such symptoms as the above, which refuse to heal and disappear under ordinary treatment, may well be regarded with suspicion.

Being a blood disease, it is folly to expect Cancer to be cured by a surgical operation. The knife never did and never will cure a blood disease, and every time it is resorted to, a life is threatened with sacrifice.

The only known cure for this dreadful disease is S. S. S. (Swift's Specific), as is shown by the indisputable testimony of the many whom it has cured.

Mr. A. H. Crausby, of 158 Kerr St., Memphis, Tenn., says that his wife paid no attention to a small lump which appeared in her breast, but it soon developed into a cancer of the worst type, and notwithstanding the treatment of the best physicians, it continued to spread and grow rapidly, eating two holes in her breast. The doctors soon pronounced her incurable. A celebrated New York specialist then treated her, but she continued to grow worse and when informed that both her aunt and grandmother had died from cancer, he gave the case up as hopeless.

Some one then recommended S. S. S., and though little hope remained, she begun it, and an improvement was noticed. The cancer commenced to heal, and when she had taken seven bottles it disappeared entirely, and although several years have elapsed not a sign of the disease has ever returned.

Mr. William Walpole, of Walshtown, South Dakota, writes: "About three years ago, there came under my left eye a little blotch about the size of a small pea. It grew rapidly, and shooting pains ran in every direction. I became alarmed and consulted a good doctor, who pronounced it cancer, and said that it must be cut out. This I would not consent to, having little faith in the indiscriminate use of the knife. Reading of the many cures made by S. S. S., I determined to give that medicine a trial, and after I had taken it a few days, the cancer became irritated and began to discharge. This after awhile ceased, leaving a small scab, which finally dropped off, and only a healthy little scar remains to mark the place where the destroyer had held full sway.

The Only Hope

For this dreadful disease is a real blood remedy—one purely vegetable, containing no potash, mercury, or other destructive mineral. S. S. S. is the only blood remedy which reaches obstinate, deep-seated blood diseases, and hence it is the only cure for Cancer. The disease can only be reached through the blood, and all local treatment, such as caustic plasters or a surgical operation, only adds to its tortures. Being often hereditary, Cancer, in some cases does not appear until middle life, and it is of greatest importance that its first symptoms be carefully watched and S. S. S. promptly taken. S. S. S. is purely vegetable, and is the only blood remedy guaranteed to contain no mineral or other drug; it is not a drug-shop preparation, but is made from the roots and herbs of the forests. We will mail our book on Cancer and Blood diseases to any address. Swift Specific Company, Atlanta, Georgia.

Swift's Specific.

COUNTY COURT.

Criminal Docket Completed and Now On Probate.

Judge Abernathy has ground out most of the criminal docket for the May term of his court and is now dispensing with the probate business. Following are the proceedings since last report:

CRIMINAL DOCKET.

State vs A T Skelton, disturbing peace, fine $5.00.

State vs A T Fitts, appeal from J P court precinct No 7, contiued.

State vs Bob Jones, violating local option law, not guilty.

State vs Bob Jones, violating local option law, fine $25 and 20 days in jail.

State vs Charley Smith, aggravated assault, guilty, fine $25.

State vs G S Mitchell, aggravated assault, not guilty.

State vs Monroe Weakley, theft not guilty.

State vs W A Allen, embezzlement, not guilty.

PROBATE DOCKET.

G. H. Homer appl. E. & R. Turner, minors, appl. for letters Guardianship granted, $500 bond.

J. K. Howell guardian estate of Addie Howell et. al. minors, application to sell real estate, granted and guardian ordered to sell for cash.

E. W. Kirkpatrick, adm'r., est. of T. D. Howard dec's'd, report of sale of land.

Scott Richardson appl. Est. of J. & A. Richardson, minors, application for letters of guardianship granted, bond $100.

J. S. Chapman appl. Est. of W. H. Chapman et. al. minors, application for letters of guardianship, granted, bond $100.

J. P. Thompson appl. Est. of Lida Gray et. al. minors, appointed guardian, bond $3000.

Mrs. N. N. Carpenter appl. Est. R. W. Carpenter dec's'd, application for letters of Admr.

John Feye appointed guardian Est. of Virgie S. Feye et. al. minors.

Mrs Lee Bates Guardian Est. of Nettie Bates et. al. minors, application to loan money granted.

Scott Richardson guard'n Est. of John and Allie Richardson, minors, bond and oath approved.

C. S. Haggard Est. of R. W. Carpenter, asked for letters of temporary administration granted.

Jane, Leigh admr. Est. of Henry minors, first annual report approved.

J. M. Honaker admr. Est. of H. P. Horton dec's'd, application for letters for admr. granted, $8000. bond.

WHITES GROVE WHITTLINGS

White-McKinney Wedding, Reception and Dinner.

May, 19, 1898.

Cotton chopping is the order of the day now.

Mr. and Mrs. McGraw of Culleoka visited her parents Mr. and Mrs. Sperry last week.

The singing at Mr. Sperry's a few nights ago was well attended.

Grandma Watson of Climax is visiting her daughter Mrs. Slater.

T. J. Lockey, of Farmersville, spent Sunday night with Mr. and Mrs. Slater.

R. C Craver, visited J. T. White of Foncine Sunday.

Mrs. Shorter of Pilot Point is visiting relatives here.

J. A. Lokey, a popular picture man, is rustling around in our neighborhood taking orders.

The writer accepted an invitation to a wedding dinner at Mr. J. T. White's of Foncine, Sunday. The bridal party were Mr. James White and Miss Mattie McKinney, who were married in north McKinney by Rev. Johnson, and were accompanied by Miss Lizzie Boatman of Howe, Texas, and Mr. Tom McKinney, Frank Bennett and Miss Dorsey McCoy of Lebanon; G. A. White and Miss Ella Bennett, Tom Mahon and Miss Lillie McKinney and Mr. and Mrs. Harden White of Houston, Texas.

After the matrimonial rites were performed the party drove to the home of the parents of the groom, where a grand reception awaited them. After the usual congratulations, they were escorted to the dining room, where the table was loaded with such things as make a person realize that it is good to be there. The bride is the daughter of Uncle John McKinney, one of the pioneer settlers of west Collin. In the after noon the bride and groom, accompanied by Mr. Mahon and Miss Lelie McKinney drove to Mr. Slaters where they were entertained for the evening by a large crowd of friends.

Preaching at the Grove next Sunday by Bro. Morgan. Singing in the evening.

BLACK EYES.

Destructive Storms.

Clinton, Ia., May 18.—Over a score of lives were lost and thousands of dollars worth of property was destroyed by a tornado which swept Clinton and Jackson counties this afternoon. The storm jumped into western Illinois near Savannah and it was at that point that the loss of human life was greatest.

Another tornado formed at Amboy, Ill., shortly before dark this afternoon. The storm cloud formed about six miles south of Amboy and took an easterly course. It traveled about twenty miles without changing its course and destroyed everything in its path. Orchards, farm houses and barns were destroyed, but no lives are known to have been lost. Owing to the peculiar atmospheric conditions prevailing all afternoon the people were on the outlook for just what happened. At the first alarm they took to the cellars and many of them were imprisoned for hours by the timbers of their wrecked houses. Live stock suffered greatly and the loss to property generally will amount to thousands of dollars At Antigo, Wis., scores of houses were leveled, many were unroofed and a score of people were injured. The electric light plant and waterworks were wrecked.

ENGLAND IN MOURNING.

London, May 19.—(Special to the Courier)—Gladstone's death has caused the deepest grief throughout the entire country. In London flags are at half mast, bells are tolling and it is learned that the family has been offered the privilege of interring the remains in West Minister Abbey, and unless Mr. Gladstone left special instructions as to the disposition of his body the burial will probably take place there.

The body of the dead statesman lies on the death bed and the face wears its natural expression of life. It is in absolute repose and there is no suggestion of pain, beyond a slight swelling of the left cheek. It was Mr. Gladstone's habit in sleeping to clasp his hands across his breast and he died in that position. The funeral services will be conducted by Rev. Stephen Gladstone, second son of the deceased.

From Berlin.

Berlin, May 19, (Special to the Courier.)—Bismark is reported seriously ill at Fredricksburg. At Constantinople a great fire is raging in the central quarters of the city. One hundred houses have been destroyed, the loss of life is unknown.

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For advice, in cases requiring special directions, address, giving symptoms, the "Ladies' Advisory Dept." of The Chattanooga Medicine Co., Chattanooga, Tenn.

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SPANISH CHICKENS.

They Are Personae Non Gratae In Michigan since the War Began

Captain Nichols of Northville, Mich., is a chicken breeder of more than ordinary repute and has several varieties of thoroughbreds, which are greatly admired. Among the lot is a pen of choice Spanish Minorcas, which have hitherto been allowed the freedom of the yards and gardens of the neighborhood residents.

After the news of the declaration of war was received the other day the neighbors notified the captain that the first Spanish chicken entering on their premises after 4 p. m. on that day would meet with the fate of the battleship Maine. The captain has placed the Minorcas under lock and key, and they will not be liberated until the stars and stripes float over Moro Castle.—Detroit Free Press.

May Day Carnival.

Sulphur Springs, Tex., May 18.—The town has been crowded all day to witness the May day carnival and trades display, the battle of flowers and the crowning of May queens.

Some of the floats were very suggestive of the business represented and all in all a very creditable affair. Just as the line of march was being formed the team hitched to the float of M. A. Purnell, occupied by 14 young ladies, became unmanageable, running away, turning the wagon over and the bed and fixtures falling on the young ladies. Strange to say, no one was killed or had any limbs broken. Following are the young ladies who had either blackened eyes, bruised faces, sprained ankles or dislocated joints: Misses Perry, Brinker, Zula Debord, Myrtle Henderson, Cricket Rogers, Mattie Banks, Grace Robertson, Dimple Gilbert, Ruby Denny and Annie Spence.

GLADSTONE IS DEAD.

Hawarden, May 19.—Mr. Gladstone died at 5 o'clock this morning.

London, May 19.—Every other topic in Great Britain yesterday dropped out of sight before the passing away of Mr. Gladstone. Hawarden focused the attention of all classes, where the greatest of Englishmen was slowly passing away. His was truly an eventful life of long labor for the amelioration of mankind, their liberty and elevation. History will enshrine his many deeds along these lines to be treasured in future years by coming generations.

An Old Idea.

Every day strengthens the belief of eminent physicians that impure blood is the cause of most of our diseases. Twenty-five years ago this theory was used as a basis for the formula of Browns' Iron Bitters. The remarkable cures effected by this famous remedy are sufficient to prove the theory correct. Browns' Iron Bitters are sold by all dealers.

Ex-President Harrison on Equal Opportunity.

(DR. C. F. TAYLOR.)

The following is a part of an address devered recently by Ex-President Harrison before the Unica League Club, of Chicago, club in which "tax dodgers" are numerous:

"We live in a time of great agitation, a war of clashing thoughts and interests. Men, no longer satisfied with what appears above ground, are uncovering roots. There is a feeling that some men are handicapped; that the race is sold; that the old and much vaunted equality of opportunity and of right has been submerged. More bitter and threatening things are being said and written against accumulated property and corporate power than ever before.

"The special purpose of my address today is to press home this thought upon the prosperous well-to-do people of our community, and especially of our great cities. That one of the conditions of the security of wealth is a proportionate and full contribution to the expenses of the state and local governments. It is not only wrong, but it is unsafe, to make a show in our homes and on the street is not made in the tax returns.

"We must inaugurate, and at once, a system that shall equalize tax burdens. The men of wealth in our great communities should lead the movement. This great club, organized as a rallying center for loyalty and patriotic citizenship, should hear a call as loud and imperative as that which came to it during the years of the civil war. Mr. Lincoln's startling declaration that this country could not continue to exist half slave and half free, may be paraphrased today by saying that this country cannot continue to exist half taxed and half free. This sense of inequaly breathes a fierce and unmeasuring anger, and intensifies social differences.

"If there is not enough public virtue left in our communities to make tax frauds discreditable, if there is not virility enough left in our laws and in the administration of justice in our courts to punishment those who defraud the state and their neighbors, how long will it be until crimes of violence make ingecure the fortunes that have refused to contribute ratably to the cost of maintaining social order? The people will not consent that this state of things shall be accepted as a permanent condition.

"Our men of wealth and the managers of our great corporations should themselves come forward to take the lead in reforming our tax laws; they should not only show a willingness, but a zeal, to bear their full proportionate share of all public burdens. If they do not, the sense of injury is so strong that ways will be found to exact more than is equal. To do justice is the best safeguard against injustice."

"These are noble setiments elegently expressed. But men who said similar things in 1897 were called anarchists. Mr. Harrison did not express such sentiments while holding office, or when a candidate for office. On the contrary, Governor Pingree, of Michigan (also a republican), embraces every opportunity to do all he can by word and deed to prevent unfair aggression upon the rights of the people by corporations and amassed wealth, and he did the same while he was Mayor of Detroit. We want brave men in office, as well as out of office.

A Successful Superintendent.

Comments By the Waxahachie Record On Our New Superintendent.

The commencement exercises of this evening will close Mr. Ryan's third year in our city schools. Those who have watched the schools under his supervision have noted a steady, sure increase in interest among the pupils, an improvement in the course of study, a decrease in corporal punishment—yet, a decided change for the better in the discipline of the school throughout, and a harmony in all the work. It seemed that every pupil had his sympathy. He has been what a superintendent should be—a help and inspiration to his teachers. They say: "It is such a relief to carry our perplexities to Mr. Ryan. He listens to us so patiently, and adjusts our difficulties so wisely."

Mr. Ryan is thoroughly fresh and up-to-date in all of his methods. Nothing "moss grown" attaches itself to him. Yet, he is quiet and unassuming in his manner. He puts self out and lives for the school. He has proven himself an untiring worker.

In conclusion, the Record will say that it is a common among the patrons of the school that the past year has been the best in every respect in the history of the city schools. No former superintendent has given such general satisfaction and conducted the school with as little friction as has the retiring superintendent, and we regret to lose him. The best wishes for the future welfare of himself and family will follow them to their new home.—Daily Record, Friday.

As Mr. Ryan has been elected to the superintendency of McKinney public schools the above testimony to his worth will be gratifying information to our people. Doubtless Mr. Ryan will maintain here at McKinney the high reputation won by him at Waxahachie and sustain the rising prestige of our city public schools among similar educational institutions of the state.

Another company on Foot.

The young men of our city had a call meeting at the City Hall Thursday evening and quite a large number responded.

Mr. J. F. Rhea was elected by acclamation to the chair and R. W. Burrage Sec'y.

Mr. Kirkpatrick ably put forth the object of the meeting which was to the effect that all had congregated for the purpose of organizing a military company composed of the young men of grand old Collin County, speeches with much patriotism and full of enthusiasm were delivered by several of our most brilliant young men. The following resolutions were adopted:

1st That the wording of the list signed be amended and made to read "We the undersigned do hereby agree to hold ourselves in readiness to organize a company of infantry, as soon as we have sufficient signers to make a full company, and to offer our service as a company of volunteers, to the government, inconditionally immediately upon the next call for volunteers.

2nd We shall have sufficient signers, that the company may be recognized by the government.

3rd That we shall offer our services upon the 1st call for volunteers provided we get a company.

4th That the honorable chair appoint three solicitors to matriculate men for the company in our city and adjoining towns in Collin county.

5th. That the secretary be authorized to make copy of the minutes of the meeting and have same published.

By order of Chair.
Signed. J. F. Rhea chairman
Richard Burrage, Sec,y.

FROM CAMP MABRY

The Boys Are Off Today For New Orleans.

Camp Mabry, May 17, 98.
Co. E. 1st. Reg.

Special to the Courier.

Having had very limited opportunities for writing since our arrival here, and in view of the fact that our hours are numbered at Camp Mabry, will try to give an account of ourselves since our debut here.

The thirty McKinney boys organized by McCarty Moore arrived here safely at 6:45 p. m. of the day we left McKinney, after being often reminded of our sad departure from home, and at the same time enthused by rousing demonstrations at each station along the route.

On our arrival we were escorted to the headquarters of Co. E. 1st Reg't. Kennedy Rifles of Corpus Christi, under Captain Watson McManus, and spent our first night on the bare ground with no covering, and dreampt that we were in Klondyke and woke up shivering.

For the first few days the accommodations furnished us were anything but desirable, but the boys endured it all without a murmur and were soon faring exceedingly well, with plenty of tent room.

The second day we were examined, and were pleased to meet the boys who had preceded us to Camp Mabry, all comfortably situated, three with Co. E. Trezevant Rifles; of Dallas, and ten with Co. F. 3rd. regiment, Lyons Infantry, of Sherman. We were solicited to join several other companies, but decided to remain with Co. E., believing that the 1st. regiment would be the first called out, and have had no reason to regret our choice.

Our boys who were rejected remained here a few days and several McKinneyites have visited the camp and we were sorry that none of them were here to help us enjoy the bounteous supply of provisions which were received today, for our actions would have demonstrated more forcibly than any words at our command, the extent of our appreciation of the contribution and our boundless esteem for the contributors. Orders have been received and we are anxiously expecting the order to strike our tents and embark for the front. The routine of camp life is somewhat irksome to all of us as yet, and we have little time to spare from our regular duties but will wire you of all important moves and write as often as possible. C. C. W.

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Several telegrams were received from different members of Co. E. today, stating that the First Regiment would leave Austin today for New Orleans. The following is a telegram received this morning by the Courier:

Camp Mabry, Tex. May 19, 98.
To the Daily Courier.
McKinney, Texas.

We leave for New Orleans via Houston at 3 o'clock this afternoon. Boys all well and glad to go. Signed, C. C. WATSON.

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All communications to the boys should be addressed to New Orleans, Co. E. 1st. regiment, Texas volunteers.

KILLED BY LIGHTNING.

W. D. Swindle and Two Horses Meet Instantaneous Death west of Farmersville.

Thursday evening news reached McKinney of the killing of W. D. Swindle a few hours before by lightning about 5 miles west of Farmersville.

Mr. Swindle, who lives near the Sister Grove school house on the McKinney and Farmersville road, was returning home from the latter place where he had been trading. When the fatal electrical stroke flashed out its message of death to the unsuspecting victim both Mr. Swindle and his team were instantly killed.

The deceased leaves a wife and children and was an industrious, intelligent and respected citizen, and at the time of his tragic death was the populist nominee of Farmersville precinct for constable. A pall of sadness was cast over that entire section by Mr. Swindle's untimely death.

Budded on Earth to Bloom in Heaven

Llewellyn, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Nesbitt, died in this city Yesterday evening at two o'clock, and was interred in Pecan Grove Friday evening. We will say to the bereaved parents and relatives "Weep not, for she is in heaven waiting for you."

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MILLINERY.

You should see our sailors at 25 cents and the Trimmed Hats we are selling at $1.00 and $1.50. You will pay double that in any other house. The men's and boys Colored Shirts with collars and cuffs at 44 cents are cheap at 75c.
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For District Judge
J E DILLARD

For County Judge
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F. E. WILCOX
J. L. DOGGETT
D. P. JOHNSON

For County Attorney
GEORGE HARDIN
H. L. DAVIS

Eor County Clerk
PAT MOULDEN
W. M. SHIRLEY
J. A. WALDEN

For Sheriff
J. W. PAFFORD
W S COFFEY

For Tax Collector
YANCY POWELL
A W KNIGHTON

For County Superintendent of schools
W. W. SHEPHERD
W. M. ERWIN

For County Surveyor
ED H KEEN

For Commissioner Precinct No. 1
SAM H FOX

For Justice of the Peace Precinct 1.
W. L. YARBROUGH
J. T. ANDREWS.

LOCAL NEWS.

Personals and Happenings of Interest Gathered for The Democrat's Many Readers.

TUESDAY MAY 24

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Nale have returned from a visit to South Texas.

The cheapest place to get Window shades at J. T. Nale's, next door east of postoffice.

Miss Amy Farrell, of Plano, is visiting Miss Fannie Allen today.

Diamond dyes all colors, at Smith Bros.

Largest stock paints, oils, varnishes, window glass, brushes and wall paper at very low prices. City Drug Store.

Mrs. S. H. Cole is visiting relatives at Royse today.

The Nickle Store next door to postoffice has what you want.

Dr. T. G. Boorman, wife and son, Paul, are guests at the home of J. P. A. Wallace today.

Oil for wagon and buggy axles at Smith Bros.

Miss Alice Thomas returned yesterday from a visit to relatives in Sherman.

WALL PAPER, WALL PAPER. All the new patterns from 5c a roll up, at City Drug Store.

The best and cheapest place in town to buy house furnishing goods at J. T. Nales.

Crutches, any length, at Smith Bros.

John C. Cooke attended the political speaking at Melissa last night.

The Nickle Store has a big stock of useful goods too numerous to mention and too cheap to steal.

J. H. Sneed and M. C. Cunningham went to Lebanon today on business.

Backache, Sprains, Bruises, Cuts, Rheumatism, Catarrh Diarrhœa, Cramp Colic, all aches and pains speedily cured with Hunt's Lighting Oil. Failing, money refunded.

Mrs. Nate Adams and little daughter, Curtley, of Dallas, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. McDowell,

We are agents for the Ordway plaster, none better, Smith Bros.

50 different brands cough medicine. All the reliable kinds, at City Drug Store.

Tin and Graniteware at J. T. Nales.

Senator J. R. Gough left last night on a campaigning trip to Erath county.

Old papers at this office for sale 25cts per hundred.

Ice cream freezers, screen doors and windows at Asbury & Nelson's

Be not deceived! A Cough, Hoarseness or croup are not to be trifled with. A dose of Shiloh's Cure will save you much trouble. Sold by Smith Bros. 2

Surveyor T. B. Wilson has returned from a business trip to the Clear Lake community in southeast Collin.

Mrs. Frank Johnson and baby returned to Royse City today after a week's visit in our city.

Screen Doors and Windows, Screenwire, Cloth, etc., very cheap at J. T. Nale 1 door east of postoffice.

Bird seed, our own mixing, at Smith Bros.

For groceries, fresh, staple and fancy go to Goostree & Houston.

Mr. Marshall Pullium, an old and honored citizen of Melissa, was here today.

Ladies, Take the Best. If you are troubled with Constipation, Sallow Skin, and a Tired Feeling, take Karl's Clover Tea, it is pleasant to take. Sold by Smith Bros. 2

Chill tonics, quinine and baby foods at Smith Bros.

Old papers 25cts, per hundred at this office.

The Weather:—Fair tonight; cloudy Wednesday.

Pure whiskies, wines and brandies for medicinal use, at City Drug Store.

Capt. T. F. Mangum is attending the closing exercises of Westminister College today at Seven Points, and will make the closing address.

Scholarships for Sale or Trade.

Two business scholarships for sale or trade. Call at this office.

Rev. Stapp and Mother, of Melissa, attended the Tyler meeting here last night.

Karl's Clover Root Tea is a pleasant laxative. Regulates the bowels, purifies the blood. Clears the complexion. Easy to make and pleasant to take. 25 cts. Sold by Smith Bros. 2

Great interest at the Christian church and six confessions last night who are to be baptized tonight. Subject tonight, "Prepare to meet thy God."

I have been a sufferer from chronic diarrhœa ever since the war and have used all kinds of medicines for it. At last I found one remedy that has been a success as a cure, and that is Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhœa Remedy.—P. E. Grisham, Gaars Mills, La. For sale by City Drug Store.

The stone for the foundation of the new brick block is being placed on the ground today and work will begin as soon as possible.

Cure that Cough with Shiloh's Cure. The best Cough Cure. Relieves Croup promptly. One million bottles sold last year. 40 doses for 25 cts. Sold by Smith Bros. 2

Country Lard Wanted.

I want country lard, and want it immediately. Will pay cash or in trade. T. J. Melton.

International Stock Food, 3 feeds for one cent, for horses, cattle, sheep and hogs. Every package waranteed, at City Drug Store.

Prof. C. M. Cunningham and lady of Garland, Tex., are guests of McKinney friends. Prof. Cunningham is an old Collin teacher, but is conducting the Garland school with much success, or was until his school building was recently destroyed by fire.

Dyspepsia Cured. Shiloh's Vitalizer immediately relieves Sour Stomach, Coming up of Food Distress, and is the great kidney and liver remedy. Sold by Smith Bros. 2

We are proud of our grocery trade and customers and hope to number every reader of this among our customers who are not already.

Goostree & Houston.

Mrs. A. J. Krause entertained a number of her young friends last night in honor of Miss Mayme Overstreet, of Greenville. Delightful games and music added to the pleasures of the occasion.

Make your own bluing, we can sell you enongh powder for 10cts to make one quart good bluing. Smith Bros.

We cordially invite our friends and the public to see us when wanting furniture, queensware, window shades, stoves or floor mattings.

Asbury & Nelson.

Master Ernest Norvelle who has been sick for several weeks died lest night at the home on his parents of South Tennessee St. Burial at Pecan Grove cemetery at 5:30 p. m.

Shoulder braces for either ladies or gentlemen at Smith Bros.

For county maps call on J. H. Jenkins,

Window glass all sizes, at City Drug Store.

The Dramatic Darlings and others interested in the play to be given at Plano tonight left on the 3:10 for our neighbor city. Several of the young folks will go down by private conveyance this evening to attend "Rebecca's Triumph."

A PURE GRAPE CREAM OF TARTAR POWDER

DR. PRICE'S CREAM BAKING POWDER

Awarded
Highest Honors, World's Fair
Gold Medal, Midwinter Fair

Mr. Charlie Nelson who has been in the employ of the McKinney Electric Light Co., for some time past, moved with his family to Denton today.

Ringworm, Tetter, Itching Piles, Itch, Eczema cured quickly and effectually with Hunt's Cure. Money refunded if it fails. Price 50 cents.

Invest your nickles judiciously if you would accumulate dollars. The way to do it, trade at the Nickle Store

Wanted to Exchange.

An organ for a good gentle buggy horse. Call at this office.

Spectacles from 25c to $10 a pair at Smith Bros.

Cold drinks and mineral water at Smith Bros.

Messrs. Jim Rhea and C. C. Provine circulated a subscription list today for the purpose of purchasing a U. S. flag to place over the court house. The public "chipped in" liberally and as soon as arrangements can be made, the star spangled banner will be floated to the breeze with appropriate ceremonies.

Oil tar, pine tar, lobelie seed and indigo at Smith Bros.

Car load Collier's strictly pure white lead just received and for sale cheap at Wilcox & Son's Lumber Yard.

WHEN NATURE

Needs assistance it may be best to render it promptly, but one should remember to use even the most perfect remedies only when needed. The best and most simple and gentle remedy is the Syrup of Figs, manufactured by the California Fig Syrup Co.

Miss Foncie Rogers was hostess of the Epworth Leagers last evening in their monthly social meeting, which met at the home of her father, Mr. J. A. Rogers. The pleasures of the occasion were marked and the brief hours flitted by too swiftly for the happy young folks present who were loth to depart. Among the guests present, were, Misses Hord, of Celeste and Beverly of west Texas.

Try Allen's Foot Ease.

A powder to be shaken into the shoes At this season your feet feel swollen, nervous and hot, and get tired easily. If you have smarting feet or tight shoes, try Allen's Foot Ease. It cools the feet and makes walking easy. Cures swollen and sweating feet, blisters and callous spots. Relieves corns and bunions of all pain and gives rest and comfort. Try it to-day. Sold by all druggists and shoe stores for 25c. Trial package FREE. Address, Allen S. Olmsted, Le Roy, N. Y.

Haggai Chapter, No. 53, R. A. M., at a stated convocation on May 23rd, 1898, elected and appointed the following officers for the ensuing masonic year, 1898 and 1899: John Church, M. E. high priest; W. L. Boyd, E. king; T. W. Wiley, E. scribe; Harry Q. Smith, treasurer; Ben W. Rhine, secretary; S. T. Hammond, C. H.; T. J. Cloyd, P. S.; R. T Seay, R. A. C.; Wm. B. Newsome, M. 3rd. V.; J. W. Hamilton, M. 2nd. V.; J. L. Franklin, M. 1st. V.; Van McKeen, guard; J. S. Dowell, steward; T. J. Melton, steward.

Skin Diseases.

For the speedy and permanent cure of tetter, salt rheum and eczema, Chamberlain's Eye and Skin Ointment is without an equal. It relieves the itching and smarting almost instantly and its continued use effects a permanent cure. It also cures itch, barber's itch, scald head, sore nipples, itching piles, chapped hands, chronic sore eyes and granulated lids.

Dr. Cady's Condition Powders for horses are the best tonic, blood purifier and vermifuge. Price, 25 cents. Sold by City Drug Store.

Mr. W. T. Cox received a box from his son, Walter, in the U. S. army at Tampa today. The box contained several interesting curios picked up at the "City of the Sea," including several plaited palmetto fans, conk shells, hat pins and other ornaments made from the silvery scales of the tarpon. The box also contained a stuffed alligator about 8 inches long.

Borax, glue, Venetian red and cream tartar at Smith Bros.

WILKEY MARKETS.

[CORRECTED WEEKLY.]

Cotton	4 5-8 to 5.70
Wheat per bus	95 to $1.00
Corn per bus	34 to 40cts.
Oats per bus	25 to 27 cts.
Hay baled per ton	$6.00 to $6.50
Millet hay per ton	$5.50 to $6.50.
Flour per cwt	$2.90 to $3.15.
Cotton seed per ton	$8.00.
Baled Oats per ton	$5.00.
Meal per bus	45 to 50cts.
Straw per ton	$4.00 $4.50
Chops per cwt	75cts.
Bran per cwt	75 to 80cts.
Butter per lb	10 to 12½cts.
Eggs per doz	7 1-2 to 10cts.
Lard per lb	6½ to 7½cts.
Sheep	$2.50 to $3.00.
Hogs per cwt	$3.80 to $4.00.
Beef on foot per cwt	$2.25 to $2.75.
Beef dressed per lb	5 to 6cts.
Dressed pork per lb	5 to 5.25cts.
Chickens per doz	$1.75 to 2.25
Irish Potatoes, per bu	$1.00.
Sweet Potatoes, per bu	50 to 75cts.

Which do you wear most
GOLD DUST
Washing Powder
Best for cleaning everything. Largest package—greatest economy.
The N. K. Fairbank Company, Chicago. St. Louis. New York. Boston. Philadelphia.

WEDNESDAY MAY 25

A. J. Kemp and S. C. Thompson, of Snow Hill, are in the city on real estate business.

Just received a large assortment of buckskin pocketbooks, 50c and up at Smith Bros.

Byron Griffin arrived last evening from Waco, where he has been attending Hill's Business College for several months.

Cheatham's Tasteless Chill Tonic cures the Chills, builds up the system and drives away all ills. It makes strong the weak and fattens the lean. It's the tonic of tonics, the best ever seen. Fifty cents.

Joseph Rodgers and A. Fields pocket cutlery at Smith Bros.

The W. O. W. monument was taken out to Blue Ridge yesterday and was erected over the grave of J. H. Akin and will be unveiled Sunday next by the McKinney Camp.

J. T. Nale is headquarters for Queenware, Glassware and all other kinds of Tableware and the cheapest in town, 1 door east of postoffice.

The celebrated Old Crow, the O. F. C. and W. M. McBrayer brands of whisky's, at Doc Turner's, east side square next door to Smith Bros.

The best 5c cigar in town at Smith Bros.

Whooping Cough.

I had a little boy who was nearly dead from an attack of whooping cough. My neighbors recommended Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. I did not think that any medicine would help him, but after giving him a few doses of that remedy I noticed an improvement, and one bottle cured him entirely. It is the best cough medicine I ever had in the house.—J. L. Moore, South Burgettstown, Pa. For sale by City Drug Store.

A big crowd of young folks will attend the entertainment at Bloomdale, five miles northwest of the city tonight.

Dreadfully Nervous.

Gents—I was dreadfully nervous, and for relief took your Karl's Clover Root Tea. It quieted my nerves and strengthed my whole nervous system. I was troubled with Constipation, Kidney and Bowel trouble. Your Tea soon cleansed my system so thoroughly that I rapidly regained health and strength. Mrs. S. A. Sweet, Hartford, Conn. Sold by Smith Bros. 2

The rich and the poor, the high and the low all trade at the Nickle Store.

The bottling and ice plants at Whitewright were totally destroyed by fire on the night of the 22nd inst.

Many old soldiers now feel the effects of the hard service they endured during the war. Mr. Geo. S. Anderson, of Rossville, York county, Penn., who saw the hardest kind of service at the front, is now frequently troubled with rheumatism. "I had a severe attack lately," he says, "and procured a bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm. It did so much good that I would like to know what you would charge me for one dozen bottles." Mr Anderson wanted it both for his own use and to supply it to his friends and neighbors, as every family should have a bottle of it in their home, not only for rheumatism, but lame backs, sprains, swellings, cuts, bruises and burns, for which it is unequalled. For sale by City Drug Store.

Mrs. Marguerite Hammond is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Chas. Evans, of Dallas.

Goostree & Houston are among the largest grocery firms in North Texas.

All the standad brands of fine wines, whiskies and liquors at Doc Turner's Saloon, next door to Smith Bros.

Best paint on earth, covers more and wears longest, looks best, full measure S. W. B. guaranteed, at City Drug Store.

Go to Goostree & Houston's for spring groceries—they have them.

Sweet oil and vinegar make a good furniture polish: we can furnish sweet oil. Smith Bros.

It makes no difference whether you do or not the Nickle Store is anxious for your trade.

FREE MEDICAL TREATMENT.

An Eminent Physician's Services at the Command of Our Readers.

Everyone Is Invited to Consult Him, Without Cost.

The most common seat of disease, as everybody knows, is the blood—for it has been proven that seventy-five per cent. of all human ailments are directly traceable to an impure condition of the vital fluid. The medical profession everywhere recognize that there can be no health unless the blood is absolutely pure.

They know, too, the difficulty of successfully treating blood diseases. It requires a special study and skill which the average physician has not attained in his active practice. The Swift Specific Company, Atlanta, Georgia, proprietors of the celebrated blood remedy, S. S. S., has a department of medical consultation, which is in charge of a corps of competent and skillful physicians. They invite every reader of this paper who is afflicted with any form of blood disease, to write them, stating their case fully, and giving all symptoms. Everyone suffering from Catarrh, Cancer, Rheumatism Scrofula, Eczema, Tetter, Contagious Blood Poison, Boils, Pimples, old running Sores, Chronic Ulcers, etc., should not fail to take advantage of this offer, as there is absolutely no cost whatever attached to it. Each case will be given special attention, and valuable information in regard to treatment promptly furnished by return mail.

Address all letters to the Swift Specific Company, Atlanta, Georgia.

Skin Like Velvet

The woman or girl whose face is rough or red—whose skin is disfigured with ugly pimples, blackheads, moth-patches, liver-moles, freckles, tan or sunburn, can have a skin like velvet if she chooses. Persistent use of

Viola Cream

will make the face as soft, smooth and pink as a baby's. Without question or doubt **Viola Cream** will do exactly what we claim. It is the only preparation which does permanent good, and cannot possibly do injury. It is a skin medicine as well as a skin beautifier. Try a 50-cent jar. It will bring both happiness and satisfaction. By the time the jar is used up, you'll hardly recognize yourself in the mirror. Your old complexion will be replaced by a new one. Druggists sell **Viola Cream**.

It is made by
THE G. C. BITTNER CO.,
Toledo, Ohio.

Drivers and Saddlers For Sale.

W. G. Thomas has brought in a fine lot of drivers and saddle horses, which he will prepare for market at an early date. See him if in need of either, as he can please you both as to animals and prices.

Wm. A. Jackson and daughter, of Cartersville, Ga., and J. E. Patton, daughter and little son, of Lafeyette Ga., Brother and brother-inlaw of Mr. J. W. Jackson, of the Bon Ton are visiting here.

Fine Wines for family use at Doc Turner's

Eat Goosetree & Houston's provisions. They are first-class and as cheap as the lower grades.

$100 Reward $100.

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only postive cure now known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood nnd mucous surface of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doeing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers, that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of Testimonials.

Address, F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O.
Sold by Druggist, 75c.
Hall's Family Pills are the best.

Profs. Marshall, Newton and Perrin, of the new faculty of the Hawthorne College, have been in the city for a few days on business pertaining to the College. They are making extensive preparations for improving the facilities of the institution and we feel sure that McKinney will feel proud of the Hawthorne College and its worthy faculty.

The need of a good Spring Medicine is almost universal and Hood's Sarsaparilla exactly meets this need. Be sure to get Hood's.

Spalding base balls from 10c to $1.25 at Smith Bros., east side.

The drugs in Dr. Simmons' Sarsaparilla are so concentrated that the dose is very small, but nevertheless, it is so scientifically combined that it is readily retained and assimilated by the most delicate and sensitive stomach. Fifty cents and 50 doses.

Messrs. Jas. G. Fields and Jasper Hand, two of our most extensive wheat raisers have each purchased a 12-foot Craven binder preparatory to the coming harvest. These binders are the largest ever used in this county and are warranted to do double the work of the ordinary machine.

Rebecca's Triumph held the boards at Plano last night. A good crowd was present and the program was carried out with a degree of excellence characteristic of McKinney's "Darlings." A large number of McKinneyites attended and the receipts were near forty dollars.

Richardson & Hinman.

If in your good paper
We can have a little space
We will write a little; but
We hope not out of place.

Come see us, good people,
When troubled with your hair.
We try in it up to please you;
Long, short, round or square.

Come try our choicest sea foam.
And finest dry shampoo;
We use the finest razors
And the sweetest lathers too,

In everything pertaining
To the barbers line
We are up to date;
And simply superfine.

And though we are so clever,
Our charges are so small,
As those of other artists
Who take the skin and all.

—Ed & Will at the Foote House Barber Shop, McKinney, Texas.

RELIGIOUS.

The Greenville district conference will convene in McKinney on June 28. Let all our people get ready to entertain the preachers and delegates. J. W. Hill.

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Rev. J. W. Hill, the eloquent pastor of the Methodist church here will deliver the baccalaureate sermon of the North Texas Female College, of Sherman, June 7.

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Our Methodist people are going to have a tabenacle meeting beginning June 10. They have secured the Institute lot and will put up a tent that will seat about 2000 people. Prof. W. A. Hemphill the great Epworth League singer will lead the music. Rev. Hill expects the services of Rev. W. F. Clark of Dallas and Rev. J. B. Gober of Bonham.

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Preparations are being made by our people to entertain the visitors to the State Christian convention which convenes here soon. Between five hundred and eight hundred delegates are expected and many homes are yet needed for the accomodation of the delegation expected. Parties who can assist in taking care of the visitors are requested to notify Eld. S. K. Hallam or Plummer Harris.

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The Woman's Parsonage and Home Mission society was entertained Monday afternoon by Mrs. M. Wade, assisted by her daughter, Mrs. Taylor, of Waxahachie. The society is one of the strongest auxiliaries of the Methodist church and does much to aid in supporting the church and other religious institutions of a charitable nature. The special work of remodeling the parsonage is now engaging their attention. Mrs. W. Johnson, of the Dallas Rescue Home, addressed the meeting yesterday in a very edifying manner to all, enlighting the ladies on the noble work of the institution, which she represents is doing and also of the Woman's Parsonage and Home Mission work in general.

The refreshments served by the hostess added no little to the interest of the meeting by way of an enjoyable "diversion."

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The Woman's Parsonage and Home Mission Society of McKinney passed the following resolutions on the death of two of its most respected members:

Resolved, that in the death of Sisters L. J. Fortner and Shelly Gutgesell, this society has lost two of its most useful and consecrated members;

Resolved, that we bow with meek and humble submission to the will of our Allwise father in this bereavement, and that we will endeavor by His grace to imitate the virtues of our departed sisters, and

Resolved, that we sympathize most heartily with the immediate families of the deceased, whose loss must be greater than ours; and

Resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be furnished the city papers with the request that the same be published.

Signed,
Mrs. F. H. Welch,
" J. H. Ferguson,
" J. W. Hill.
Committee.

He Wanted a Preacher.

A colored brother, writing to the bishop to send a preacher, said: "Send us a bishop to preach here Sunday. If you can't send a bishop, send a sliding elder; if you can't spar' him, send a stationary preacher; if you can't spar' him, send us a circus rider; if you can't spar' him, send a locus preacher; if you can't do no better, why send us an exhauster."

From the mouths of democratic witnesses democratic primaries are stigmatized as institutions of boodle. For money no small per cent of the participants barter their influence and the "ins" clique together against the "outs" in political trusts in order to keep the offices of the people among themselves. A ban of political proscription is set over the head of him who dares to lift his voice against the sinister schemes of these wily politicians who manipulate the affairs of our great state.

Public Speaking.

Hon. T. Frank Vaughn, Jno. R. Smith and Tom W. Perkins, candidates for Local Representative of Collin county, and H. L. Davis, Wallace Hughston, T. S. Jackson and George Hardin, candidates for County Attorney, will address the voters of Collin county at the following times and placce:

Roseland, Friday Night, 8 o'clock, May 27.

Weston, Saturday evening, 3 o'clock, May 28.

Melissa, Monday night, 8 o'clock, May 30.

Anna, Tuesday night, 8 o'clock, May 31.

Seven Points, Wednesday night, 8 o'clock, June 1.

Gray Bill, Thursday night, 8 o'clock, June 2.

Cross Roads, Friday night, 8 o'clock, June 3.

Altoga, Saturday night, 8 o'clock, June 4.

All candidates will be granted time to announce. Everybody cordially invited.

Political Announcements

Candidates for County Judge will speak at the following time and places:

Lucas Tuesday May 31st at night.

Allen Wednesday June 1st at night

Renner Thursday June 2nd at night.

Murphy Friday June 3rd at night.

Plano Saturday 4th at 2 p. m.

All other candidates will be given time in which to announce.

Marriage Licenses.

The following marriage licenses have been issued in the County Clerk's office since last report:

T L Ogilvie and Miss Dollie E Jones.

R L Garner and Miss Annie Laura House.

John W Allison and Miss Minnie Ford.

J A Mallow and Mrs Laura Walker.

A Card.

It is with regret that our connection is severed with the people of McKinney, not so much from a pecuniary stand-point for we might command higher salaries elsewhere, but more because we have, during these five years, become attached to the people and the town, and now we must break up these pleasant associations and cast our lot among strangers. We cannot hope to find a people who will befriend us more than the people of McKinney have done.

During our stay here we have labored hard to bring the public schools of McKinney to the front, and give them a rank among the best in the state. How far we have succeeded in this, those who are in a position to know may say.

We are aware of the fact that the preacher and the teacher are two people that have no permanent abiding place here below, but while such is the case, it is gratifying to us, in the extreme, that we have succeeded ourselves longer than any of our predecessors.

We wish to take this means to thank the good people of McKinney for their good will and hearty co-operation with us in the work in which we have been engaged—that of making educated men and women of their children. They have held up our hands while the work has moved grandly on. For this reason we can claim only our share of the praise, if aught be due us, for bringing the school up to its present standing.

And as a parting word, let us admonish you to stand by your public schools, and never let the fires die out on their altar. We shall always learn with regret of any reverses.

Hoping in the future to hear that grand old McKinney, which we have learned to love, leads the van in education and superstition, we are,

Very respectfully,
C. O. Smith,
I. A Armstrong.

A Steady and Substantial Growth

Of business is what we are Building on.

Our trade is growing greatly and we desire to thank the trade for this, and shall always be ready with the best goods possible to meet their claims. We know we are keeping what the people need and our stock of

Springs Goods.

Is up to the standard. Our prices are the lowest compared with quality and values.

We do not handle cheap goods, but good goods,

Which satisfies the trade. Volume of trade is what we want, not big profits, and if you will stop to think you can

See the Advantage

To you in buying goods from merchants who do a good business. If we can do a hundred thousand dollar business with the same expense it requires to do fifty thousand, is it not reasonable that we can sell you goods much cheaper?

That's What We are driving at and that's what we are going to do.

We hope to be a fixture in the Dry Goods business, in fact we consider ourselves such. We cannot give goods away, you do not expect it, but we are able to sell you goods as cheap as any house in North Texas; this we do guarantee to do.

You can Depend on it,

And trust we can add you to our list of customers. We shall do our best to interest you and keep your aid.

Yours truly,

McDowell & White.

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CANS OF

B. T. Babbitt's PURE POTASH

IS EQUAL TO

3 of any Other BRAND.

3 Cans of any Other Brands, - 25 cts.
2 Cans of B. T. Babbitt's PURE 20 cts.
SAVES THE CONSUMER, 5 cts.

INSIST ON HAVING

B. T. BABBITT'S Pure Potash or Lye.

SYRUP OF FIGS

NEVER IMITATED—NO QUALITY.

THE EXCELLENCE OF SYRUP OF FIGS is due not only to the originality and simplicity of the combination, but also to the care and skill with which it is manufactured by scientific processes known to the CALIFORNIA FIG SYRUP CO. only, and we wish to impress upon all the importance of purchasing the true and original remedy. As the genuine Syrup of Figs is manufactured by the CALIFORNIA FIG SYRUP CO. only, a knowledge of that fact will assist one in avoiding the worthless imitations manufactured by other parties. The high standing of the CALIFORNIA FIG SYRUP CO. with the medical profession, and the satisfaction which the genuine Syrup of Figs has given to millions of families, makes the name of the Company a guaranty of the excellence of its remedy. It is far in advance of all other laxatives, as it acts on the kidneys, liver and bowels without irritating or weakening them, and it does not gripe nor nauseate. In order to get its beneficial effects, please remember the name of the Company—

CALIFORNIA FIG SYRUP CO.
SAN FRANCISCO, Cal.
LOUISVILLE, Ky. NEW YORK, N. Y.

FARMERSVILLE ITEMS.

Assaulter In Jail—Arrested On Charge Of Assisting Prisoner To Escape.

Constable Newt Wardlow now has a fine blood-hound and evil doers may look out.

A. J. Avon was up from Quinlan Monday. He brought some of the largest radishes and turnips to town we have ever seen. One of his turnips weighed 3¾ pounds.

Ike Denton was arrested Wednesday night by Constable Newt Wardlow, charged with trying to assist Bob Russell, charged with assault to murder, to escape the officers. He was lodged in jail at McKinney.

Harry Brin, formerly of this city, but now of Commanche, was married to Miss Sarah Brin at Terrell last week. The bride is a daughter of Phillip Brin, of that city, who is one of its wealthiest merchants.—Farmersville Times.

When bizness is dull, an' you ain't sellin' nothin'
Don't stop a-tryin' fer a minute
What if you are forced close to the wall,
Remember there are others up agin' it.

There comes a time in every feller's life,
When luck, it seems, ain't found you;
That's when you want to hustle, push your goods and advertise
And bizness will pick up—it's bound to.

—St. Louis Grocer.

He Looked For An Explosion.

"Here, I want to get insured quick."

"But this is a fire insurance office."

"Well, that's just what I want. I understand the boss is going to fire me in the morning."

The Texas Coaster is out in an elaborate write-up of Fort Bend county. Among the business concerns of Rosenberg mentioned, C. P. Ware's store is credited with being the leading grocery establishment of the town. Mr. Ware and family are well-known ex-McKinney residents.

Priceless Pain

"If a price can be placed on pain, 'Mother's Friend' is worth its weight in gold as an alleviator. My wife suffered more in ten minutes with either of her other two children than she did altogether with her last, having previously used four bottles of 'Mother's Friend.' It is a blessing to any one expecting to become a mother," says a customer.

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Camp Mabry.

WRITTEN SHORTLY BEFORE THEIR DEPARTURE FOR THE FRONT.

SOUND OF REVELRY BY NIGHT.

AND THE BOYS FEASTED SUMPTUOUSLY ON THE EVE OF THEIR SEPARATION.

Camp Mabry, Austin, Texas, May 18, '98.—To the Daily Courier—Since my letter of the 17th, things have so completely changed here, that I hasten to write again at the first opportunity.

When we first came here the camps had just been pitched and disorder reigned in all the camps. Then there were an average of 25 men in every camp for whom no provisions were issued and whose "names were not taken" in the blanket supplies. This being the case it necessarily followed that in every camp the daily rations were short and the boys got too "lank" to be jolly and self congratulatory. Since then, however, the "extras" have gone home and to the supply of beans, beef and bread has been added vegetables, rice, syrup and other welcome army life delicacies. This change of affairs was brought this morning when the officer of the day issued orders to the commissary sergent to draw sufficient supplies.

Yesterday was the happiest day the boys have spent since they have been here and perhaps the most intensely pleasant they ever experienced in their lives. The express wagon bearing the boxes of provisions from home drove up to camp at 6 o'clock, just after we came in from the three hours' afternoon drill and the driver announced that he had a load of freight for company E. The boys knew the rest and the way they rushed up to the wagon actually excited the entire first regiment. Till then we had not had a real good meal since we left home, and the anticipation of what we would soon devour excited the boys to even rash proceedings.

Three large boxes were taken into the camp and the work of preparing a spread begun while a messenger was dispatched to company F., in the third regiment, and another to company E. in second regiment, to notify the other McKinney boys and to invite them and their personal friends to come over and partake of the luxuries from home.

On the arrival of the McKinney contingent of the three regiments, supper was announced, and the smiling faces and thankful expressions were "glorious to behold."

When the boys' appetites were thoroughly satisfied, a division of the supplies followed and the boys made their escape into their respective camp lines loaded with good things from home just in time to escape the punishment which follows being absent at "laps" (11 o'clock.)

May 19, 8 a. m.—Orders to prepare to move to New Orleans have just been read to the first regiment and no one has time to write. Will write from the barracks at the Crescent City.

C. C. W.

A letter from Dudley Perkins dated the 18th. inst. says it has been officially announced that the transportation train for the second regiment will be due on the morning of the 20th at 5 o'clock, but it is thought the regiment will not move until later. "Am enjoying myself well though the beds are hard and the fare is rough but substantial, and there are many pleasures and diversions in camp. The cry is on to Moro Castle and the Texans will not be satisfied until the stars and stripes are floating over its battlements." He wishes to be remembered to his friends.

The second Texas regiment volunteers left for Mobile Ala. yesterday at 6 o'clock a. m. and is doubtless with the first regiment there today.

True American.

New York Mail and Express observes: "His fellow countrymen don't know whether he is a democrat or republican, and moreover, they don't care. They know that his guns at Manila spoke the language of old-fashioned Americanism with convincing fluency, and that their utterances were absolutely free from the accents of partyism. If Dewey is a democrat his victory is no reproach to republicanism. If he is a republican his achievement casts no reflection whatever upon the democracy. There was no politics on board his ships. His mission was national rather than partisan, and it has resulted in a triumph of the rugged patriotism which recognizes no political distinctions on questions involving the honor and integrity of the nation. The country therefore doesn't know Dewey the democrat or Dewey the republican. But it does know and gratefully salutes Dewey the patriot and hero, whose courage, skill and readiness for rough and tumble fighting have added a glorious chapter to the annals of American warfare. He isn't in politics now. More serious business engages his attention. No matter what party he belongs to his present state is that of a cool-headed warrior with his working clothes on, and his partisanship find its only voice in the thunder of his guns against the enemies of the stars and stripes."

What They Saw.

Incidents Of Their Trip By H H Crouch And Rev. E. E. King.

Since their recent return from a trip to Norfolk and Washington a Courier reporter "pumped" the above named gentlemen and from their reports compiled the following: They both attended the Southern Baptist convention at Norfolk and went by steamer to Washington City, passing the North Atlantic squadron enroute. They were accompanied by Rev. Sid Williams, and his singer. Mr. Brown, who are well-known here. They visited the White House and were shown through the capitol building and shook the hand of the president, J. W. Bailey, Thos. Reid, Senator Chilton and others. Congressman De Graffenreid, of Texas, took them in charge and escorted them through the capitol and took them in his private carriages throughout the city and over the asphalt drives to Mt. Vernon, the old Washington homestead, to the soldier's home, and the tomb of John A. Logan, all several miles from the city and all most beautiful places.

They also report the war excitement intense throughout the East, but say the commercial conditions are in better shape than at any time during the past ten years.

They encountered several troops of militia en route to the seat of hostilities and Bro. King states on one occasion two cars of recruits from the mountain districts of Tennessee bound for Tampa, were coupled to his train and as night drew on he heard the boys singing in unison, "Am I a Soldier Of the Cross." He went to their coach with another passenger and met their captain, who informed him that most of the boys were christians, and after informing the company that a minister was with them he was asked to address them. He made the boys a short speech and hoped that they might prove valiant soldiers and be spared to return to their homes and friends, and when he finished his prayer for the boys they sang, "Old Time Religion," changing the chorus to "Old Time Religion is good enough for me, It will help us whip the Spaniards. It will help to free the Cubans, It will help us in time of battle, And its good enough for me."

Fire At Green Point.

New York, May 21.—Three frame tenent houses and an entire block of small business buildings were destroyed at Green Point this morning. One fireman was killed and five badly injured. Loss $100,000.

Another One.

Here's a war poet—from Arkansas—who, fortunately, is out of reach of Dewey's guns, or it might not be as well with him as it is. He sings:

"All quiet lay
Manila bay;
'Twas 4 a. m., at break of day.
The Spanish hosts
Were at their posts,
When in the distance they saw ghosts!
"'Twas Dewey's fleet—
All trim and neat.
The waters lay just like a sheet.
Said Dewey: 'Fire!
They've raised my ire!,
He sunk 'em all, or I'm a liar;"

Which One?

Some day, some bitter day to be,
You two together, hand in hand,
Will wait the changeless mystery
Whose meaning none can understand;
And one will leave the darkened place
Bowed with a grief too hard to bear;
The other, with a calm, with face,
Will know no more earth's pain or care—
which one?

Some day you two will be alone
Together in some darkened room,
And one of you, with sob and moan,
Will cry out in the awful gloom,
And beg the other for one word
With which to ease the heart that breaks;
The other, still and cold, unstirred,
Will sleep the sleep that never wakes—
Which one?

—Medical Mirror.

MR. CROUCH TALKS.

A Few Incidents of His Trip to Washington and Norfolk.

A Courier reporter, while scouring the face of the earth Friday morning in search of something in the way of news with which to break the monotony of war reports he encountered Mr. J. P. Crouch, our jovial furniture man, surrounded by a crowd of friends who were keeping him busy relating the incidents of his trip to the Southern Baptist convention at Norfolk, Va., from which he has just returned. While away Mr. Crouch also, visited Washington City and enjoyed a short cruise on the Atlantic and is "chuck full" of interesting reminisences of the trip. He reports the convention a success despite the fact that the accommodations of Norfolk were either inadequate for the occasion or the hospitality of the Virginians is of an inferior quality to that to which the Southerners are accustomed. While at Norfolk he viewed the forts at Point Comfort and sailed out in the bay and saw the U. S. battleships Brooklynn, Texas, Massachusetts and the Scorpion of the North Atlantic squadron.

At Washington he says excitement is intense, guards are everywhere and the pedestrian is confronted by loaded cannon at frequent intervals throughout the city. Bulletin boards are posted at almost every corner, and while standing in sight of one of these large bulletin boards he noticed a lady as she came down the street reading the names of the sailors killed in an engagement just reported, when the name of her husband was added to the list of the slain and she fell to the pavement insensible. Such scenes as this, and the reports and rumors of all kinds, which constantly reach the capital city, increase its agitation to a high degree, but he says that business throughout the north seems to be in satisfactory condition.

Insane Lady.

Mrs. Ruth Sheehan Will Be Taken to the Terrell Asylum

Mrs. Ruth Sheehan, aged 24, was tried for lunacy at the court house Friday afternoon and convicted. Her mother was the main witness against her.

She testified that her daughter was born at Caddo Mills, Hunt county, and until about four weeks ago lived with her husband at Josephine. She has three children, the youngest two years old and was always of sound mind until about four weeks ago when she took a severe chill. Her husband gave her a dose of medicine and since arousing after taking it her mind has been affected. The old mother is heartbroken and was an object of genuine sympathy as she gave in her evidence.

CRAZED BY GRIEF.

A Poughkeepsie Mother Kills Her Two Children.

Poughkeepsie, N. Y., May 21.—Mrs. John Sperie cut off the heads of her two children here this morning. A butcher knife was the weapon used. The woman's reason had been dethroned by her husband's recent death.

Weston Populists.

Weston, May 11. '98.

The Populist voters of the Weston voting box are hereby called to meet at Cottage Hill Saturday May 21st, for the purpose of electing delegates to the county convention which meets at Farmersville Saturday May 28th. Also to elect a precinct chairman and to attend to such other business as may come up. Meeting at 2 p. m. J. F. WESTER, Chair.

One of Admiral Semmes' crew of the confederate cruiser, Alabama, is a resident of Nevada, Collin county, and follows the occupation of painting for a livelihood. He was with that vessel in all her engagements up to the time she was sunk on the French coast by the Kearsarge. He has had a varied career, fraught with many exciting incidents, and is an entertaining linguist on all historical and current topics of the day.

Are You Weak?

Weakness manifests itself in the loss of ambition and aching bones. The blood is watery; the tissues are wasting—the door is being opened for disease. A bottle of Brewers' Iron Tonic taken in time will restore your appetite, purify your blood, invigorate your nerves, make your weak feel strong. In fact, it is more good than a whole drug store of medicine. For sale by all druggists.

COTTAGE HILL DECORATION

Annual Exercises, Big Attendance Program In Full.

Weston May 20, 1898.

On Saturday May 14, a great concourse of people assembled at the beautiful Cottage Hill Cemetery to decorate the graves of departed loved ones and friends that lie sleeping there. This community was the first in the county to institute an annual decoration service and its example is now being followed almost at every burying ground in the county.

A splendid program was carried out as follows:

Music by choir, Prayer by Rev. J. W. Miller, address by Eld. R. C. Horn, Recitation by Miss Hattie Morrell, Essay by Miss Joe Powell. Every feature of the programe was appropriate, impressive and listened to with marked attention. Miss Powell's essay is given in full:

LIFE AND DEATH

Kind Friends:—We again come to-gether on an errand of love—that of strewing flowers on the graves of our loved ones. Here resting peacefully side by side we find the hoary heads of age, blooming youth, and infant, grace and loveliness. And so by strewing flowers, we are writing our own epitaph and rest assured people will read what we have written after we are gone.

By our acts, we are writing our own epitaph and building our own monuments and if not by many we surely will be remembered by a few.

Our character is the inscription we are writing on the hearts of those around us and today dear friends, even while the dark clouds of war are hovering over oua nation and our hearts are made sad when we think of the many darkened homes, the many vacant chairs caused by the great disaster, the destruction of the Maine, of the many bright and promising lives that were lost and only a part of them have graves, some are sleeping beneath the waves. They want a mother's prayer, a father's blessing, a sister's kiss, but also, they will never return to gladden the hearts of those who loved them and today friends let us pledge anew, our-selves, to the sacred task of love and duty in which we are engaged today.

Even when we think of the fantasy of life, the ministry of death yet we know life, hovers between two worlds like a star. How little we know what we are and less what we may be, we are fain to exclaim with the poet:

"Life we've been long together,
Through pleasant and through cloudy weather,
Tis hard to part when friends are dear,
Choose thine own way,
Say not good night,
But in some fairer clime,
Bid me good morning."

And since then this life is made up of partings, of good byes, of broken ties, it is well for us to take courage. For those we think of as lost are not; only to present sight. Perhaps even now they are angel watchers, and if this be so how can I write in mournful strain? While gazing on that shore me thinks I hear above the column main or breakers roar, the souls refrain, Life sing forever more.

My soul starts up in glad surprise, an eager pen leaps on to tell the joy that meet our eyes as we gaze through pearly gateways in the sky to where our loved ones have gone.

Tell life's proudest tale—what is it! A few attempts—successless, a [illegible] and mouldered hopes, [illegible] fretting a little much worry and [illegible] sleep and the story is told, the curtain falls and though we may roll wealth or soar in fame earths highest station ends in this—Here he lies and dust concludes her noblest songs.

And today we will strew gently and lovingly but with an impartial hand flowers on the graves of our friends, our loved ones, and on the strangers grave so——

Go to their sleeping bowers,
Deck their low couch of clay,
With spring's soft breathing flowers;
And when they fade away,
Think of the amaranthine weather,
The garlands never dim,
And tell me why thou fly'st from death,
Or hid'st thy friends from him.

We dream, but theya wake;
Dread visions mar our rest;
Through thorns and snares our way we take.
And yet we mourn the blest,
For spirits round the Eternal throne,
How rain the tears we shed!
They are the living, they alone,
Whomthus we call the dead.

J. F. Wester.

Melissa Missives.

May 23, '98.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomson, of McKinney visited relatives here Sunday afternoon.

Miss Willie Scott visited relatives here Sunday.

Miss Lillian Bean went to Howe Sunday to spend several days.

Jack Shirley and Jim Douglass attended church in McKinney Sunday.

W. L. Osburn is numbered among the sick.

Messrs. Edd Gibson, Hampton Wysong, Fred Ogilvie and Misses Georgia and Omie Stapp, Laura Wright, Mattie Ogilvie, Lena Gibson and Maggie King spent a very pleasant day with Miss Mary Graves Sunday.

Mr. Jesse Martin and family attended church here Sunday.

Denison will give a picnic at Melissa in a few days. Over five hundred from that place will attend. It is not yet decided as to the day they will come.

Mrs. Jim Lindsey is numbered among the sick.

Mr. Will Osburn and family and Misses Ora Lacy, Mary and Pina Dickerson visited in Stony Point Sunday.

Miss Dora Nichols spent the day with Miss Pearl Lindsey Sunday.

Arnold Wright spent several days in Blue Ridge last week.

Mr. Ed Gibson and Miss Georgia Stapp, Mr. Carson Osburn and Miss Maggie King attended church in McKinney Tuesday night.

Three classes of union Sunday school, numbers two, three and four enjoyed a picnic at Cotton Wood park last Wednesday.

Mrs. L. A. Scott went to Bonham Monday to attend the commencement exercises of Carlton College.

GLADSTONE IN A NUTSHELL.

Summarized Career of England's Grand Old Man.

A glance at the following chronology will show the principal events in Gladstone's career as a statesman and author:

1809—December 29, born at Oxford.
1832—Entered parliament.
1834—Junior lord of the treasury.
1835—Under colonial secretary.
—Resigned.
1838—Married.
1839—"The State in Relation to the Church."
1840—"Church Principles Considered."
1841—Vice president of the board of trade.
1842—Revised the tariff.
1843—President of the board of trade.
1845—Resigned.
—Colonial secretary.
1847—Advocated freedom for Jews.
1852—Chancellor of the exchequer.
1855—Resigned.
1855—Lord high commissioner to the Ionian Isles.
—"Studies of the Homeric Age."
1859—Chancellor of the exchequer.
1865—Leader of the commons.
1866—In opposition.
1869—Prime minister.
—"Ecco Homo."
—"A Chapter of Autobiography."
1869—Carried Irish disestablishment.
—"Juvetus Mundi."
1870—Carried Irish land bill.
1871—Unveiling of his statue in his native city.
—Abolish purchase of army commissions
—Abolished confiscation in penal laws.
1873—Irish university reforms proposed,
—Resigned, but resumed power.
1874—Dissolved parliament.
1876—"Homer Synchronism."
1879—Midlothian triumph.
—"Gleanings of Past Years."
1880—Prime minister.
1885—Resigned.
1886—Prime minister.
—Irish home rule proposed.
—Resigned.
1892—Prime minister.
1893—Irish home rule passed commons; defeated by lords.
1894—Resigned.

Storm In Fannin County.

Bonham, Tex., May 21.—The wind storm that visited this portion of the county last night blew down nine houses and eleven barns and the Methodist church at Ravenna, 10 miles northwest of town and injured three people, none fatally.

At Ivanhoe eleven miles due north, the residence of Joe Dupree, the handsomest in these parts, was demolished.

At Telephone, eighteen miles north-east, eight houses and seven barns were demolished.

A buggy in which Sheriff Ridding, of Bonham, was riding was picked up and blown thirty yards against a fence smashing it to pieces. The sheriff was not hurt.

All the buildings in Tigerstown are reported demolished, while a report of great damage comes from Clarksville. No lives are known to be lost.

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